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CHC sees 7 cases of hand, foot, and mouth disease

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The Commonwealth Health Center's emergency department has confirmed seven cases of a viral illness known as hand, foot, and mouth disease. So far, no cases have been identified since Oct. 20.

According to webMD.com, hand-foot-and-mouth disease is an illness that causes sores in or on the mouth and on the hands, feet, and sometimes the buttocks and legs. The same website clarified that it is not the same as other diseases that have similar names: foot-and-mouth disease (sometimes called hoof-and-mouth disease) or mad cow disease. These diseases almost always occur in animals.

Five of the eight diagnosed cases of HFM disease affected children under 5 years old, which comprises 63 percent of the total diagnosed cases that were reported by CHC this month.

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Despite warnings, dangerous air bags not being repaired

By TOM KRISHER
AP AUTO WRITER

DETROIT (AP)— Owners of more than 300,000 Hondas have yet to get their air bags repaired, despite warnings from the automaker and regulators that the inflators have an extremely high chance of rupturing and causing injury or even death.

Last week authorities said one of those air bags,

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CW-1 cap prevents the hospital from hiring more nurses

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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. was supposed to hire more nurses from the Philippines to fill vacancies but was prevented from doing so after the fiscal year 2017's numerical limit of the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker Nonimmigrant visa program was breached last week.

A total of 31 nurses were affected

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MHS junior wins essay competition

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Marianas High School junior Amea Reyes won first place in the "In Memoriam" essay writing competition organized by the Northern Mariana Islands Municipal Council.

Reyes and other winners were feted during an awards ceremony held yesterday at the Saipan Leadership Memorial Kiosko in Susupe.

Other winners were Melvin John

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Essay contest winners Amea Reyes, seated center, Melvin Kapileo, seated left, and Mohammad Khan, seated right, hold up their plaques while having their picture taken with their parents and competition staff on Oct. 26, 2016. MICHAEL T. SANTOS

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Man with mental illness gets 284 days of time served

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Gordon Aldan Castro, a 29-year-old man with mental illness who held his family hostage for seven hours at their house in Afetnas in 2015, pleaded guilty yesterday and was slapped with a sentence of 284 days of time served.

Castro pleaded guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon as part of the a plea deal.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho sentenced Castro to three years imprisonment, all suspended except 284 days, with credit for 284 days of time served. It means he is now a free man.

» Judge: Lack of meaningful mental illness treatment program in NMI needs attention

Camacho expressed concern as there appears to be no meaningful way to provide mental health care to defendants with mental illness and/or disability in the CNMI criminal justice system.

The judge noted that the Department of Corrections does not have mental health personnel (doctors) to administer proper medications, counseling and other treatment.

Camacho said the Commonwealth Healthcare Center is not equipped to handle defendants with mental illness and/or disability as CHC is not able to handle any mental patients who have violent behaviors.

Castro was placed on supervised probation for five years and ordered to receive mental health counseling/ treatment during the entire period of probation.

Govt veterinary clinic reopens

The government's veterinary clinic reopened yesterday under the supervision of state veterinarian Ignacio T. Dela Cruz.

Dela Cruz has been working as the CNMI government state veterinarian since April 1978. He retired in December 1994. In 1998 he was rehired before being appointed in 2006 as secretary of Lands and Natural Resources where he stayed for five years, then last Sunday he received an excepted service employment contract, bringing him back into the veterinary clinic.

The Animal Health Clinic is located in As Perdido. Before Oct. 26, the clinic was inoperable for about two years.

The office will be open this week from Wednesday to Friday from 8am to 11am then 1pm to 4pm. Subsequently starting next week, the clinic will only open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 11am then 1pm to 4pm until further notice.

"At this time, we only have the medicine for de-worming and treating pets with ticks and mange. However, I'll be placing orders for other veterinary supplies and vaccines to help treat other important island related diseases," Dela Cruz said.

According to Dela Cruz, farm animals such as cows, goats, pigs, etc., are allowed into the clinic for treatment.

As to how much he will charge, Dela Cruz said, "There will be a nominal charge; it will be very affordable."

Due to limited supplies, the clinic can also refer a patient's owner to stores to purchase certain medicinal products that can cure their pet's ailment. Moreover, animals strictly from the U.S. territories are preferred instead of exotic creatures.

For more information about the clinic, call the office at (670) 234-6169 or Dela Cruz at (670) 285-8525. ***(Michael T. Santos)***

Energy assistance funds released for low income families in CNMI

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) announced yesterday that fiscal year 2017 federal energy assistance funds for low income families have been released, including $189,544 for the Northern Mariana Islands. The funds are distributed by the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs to help more than 400 NMI households pay part of their monthly utility bills.

"Many families continue to struggle to pay for water and electricity," Sablan said. "These basic services remain very expensive in the Marianas. But this federal assistance helps keep the lights on."

Funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP, was much lower for the Marianas, when Sablan first came into office. The Secretary of Health and Human Services had authority to set aside 0.5 percent of the national program money solely for the insular areas. But only 0.135 percent was being allocated for the islands.

Sablan began the effort to raise the energy assistance in 2011. Working with other insular areas delegates, Sablan argued that with electricity costs for island households as much as four times the national average and with the need for cooling stretching year round, the secretary should use all the authority she had to provide LIHEAP funds to the islands.

In 2014, then-secretary Kathleen Sebelius made the decision to quadruple the island funding to the maximum allowable.

As a result, the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs was able to raise the monthly assistance to each household and increase the number of families in the Marianas eligible for the federal aid. According to DCCA, the average monthly assistance per household is about $41. In fiscal 2016, LIHEAP helped 456 families in the Marianas.

Yesterday's release of funds only represents 90 percent of the full year funding, because Congress has not yet made appropriations for all of fiscal 2017. ***(PR)***

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Garth Backe to monitor Nov. national elections

U.S. Attorney Alicia A.G. Limtiaco of the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana announced yesterday that assistant U.S. Attorney Garth Backe will lead the efforts of her office in the Northern Mariana Islands, in connection with the Justice Department's nationwide Election Day Program for the upcoming Nov. 8, 2016 general elections.

Backe has been appointed to serve as the district election officer for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands and in that capacity is responsible for overseeing the district's handling of complaints of election fraud and voting rights abuses in consultation with Justice Department headquarters in Washington.

Limtiaco said, "Every citizen must be able to vote without interference or discrimination and to have that vote counted without it being stolen because of fraud. The Department of Justice will act promptly and aggressively to protect the integrity of the election process."

The Department of Justice has an important role in deterring election fraud and discrimination at the polls, and combating these violations whenever and wherever they occur. The department's long-standing Election Day Program furthers these goals, and also seeks to ensure public confidence in the integrity of the election process by providing local points of contact within the department for the public to report possible election fraud and voting rights violations while the polls are open on election day.

Federal law protects against such crimes as intimidating or bribing voters, buying and selling votes, impersonating voters, altering vote tallies, stuffing ballot boxes, and marking ballots for voters against their wishes or without their input. It also contains special protections for the rights of voters and provides that they can vote free from acts that intimidate or harass them. For example, actions of persons designed to interrupt or intimidate voters at polling places by questioning or challenging them, or by photographing or videotaping them, under the pretext that these are actions to uncover illegal voting may violate federal voting rights law. Further, federal law protects the right of voters to mark their own ballot or to be assisted by a person of their choice.

The franchise is the cornerstone of American democracy. We all must ensure that those who are entitled to the franchise exercise it if they choose, and that those who seek to corrupt it are brought to justice. In order to respond to complaints of election fraud or voting rights abuses on Nov. 8, 2016, and to ensure that such complaints are directed to the appropriate authorities, Limtiaco stated that Backe will be on duty while the polls are open. He can be reached by the public at the following telephone number (670) 236-2980.

In addition, the FBI will have special agents available in each field office and resident agency throughout the country to receive allegations of election fraud and other election abuses on election day. The FBI can be reached by the public by calling (670) 237-0204 or (670) 483-3249.

Complaints about possible violations of the federal voting rights laws can be made directly to the Civil Rights Division's Voting Section in Washington by phone at 1-800-253-3931 or (202) 307-2767, by fax at (202) 307-3961, by email to voting.section@usdoj.gov or by complaint form at http://www.justice.gov/crt/complaint/votintake/index.php.

Limtiaco said, "Ensuring free and fair elections depends in large part on the cooperation of the American electorate. It is imperative that those who have specific information about discrimination or election fraud make that information available immediately to my Office, the FBI, or the Civil Rights Division." ***(USAO)***

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

J.C. Tenorio Enterprises supports the Northern Marianas Humanities Council 25th anniversary fundraiser dinner gala through a silver Level sponsorship. Pictured from left are Somia T. Quan, special projects manager for JCT; Dr. Brady Hammond, council vice chair; Darlene P. Macaranas, JCT manager; and Dolly Muna, JCT manager. Tickets for the dinner gala are still available. Contact council staff at 235-4785 to reserve yours today.

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Sylvia Wally: 'Ice' problems must be addressed collectively

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Former Federated States of Micronesia clinical psychiatrist Sylvia Wally agrees with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Region 9 administrator Capt. Jon Perez about funneling community resources to combat drug-related family issues in the CNMI.

Wally agreed with Perez's statement yesterday during the first-ever CNMI Behavioral Health Conference in the CNMI at Saipan Word Resort.

"We need to be very collective. Substance abuse does not target a certain age population or gender preference. It's actually open to any age, gender, and lifespan," said Wally.

She reiterated the importance of collectively tackling this issue, all along addressing the needs of those that are involved in drug-influenced behavior.

"We really need to coordinate our services with all the other [government] agencies to be able to tackle islandwide risk problems. I strongly believe that if we provide the services to the people who need it, in terms of substance abuse associated problems, we are able to identify unique needs, provide those needs based on the collective agencies coming together to provide the unique needs of the people who are at risk of substances related problems," she said.

Wally believes that options and education must be provided to the community, specifically the families, in order for them to make the appropriate health choices.

"Empowerment is not about strength and courage, but is about educating and penetrating the community, giving them options and choices about the risk, so that [the community] could make well informed health choices for themselves and their families," she said.

The last day of the first-ever behavioral conference in the CNMI is today, where topics such as drug-related behavior and mental health issues are discussed.

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equipped with an inflator made by Takata Corp., ruptured and killed a California woman, adding urgency to the search for the noncompliant vehicles.

About 69 million Takata inflators have been recalled due to possible rupture. In June, government regulators said testing showed that inflators in 313,000 older Hondas and Acuras had as high as a 50 percent chance of rupturing in a crash. The regulators told owners of the cars to stop driving them and get them repaired. But four months later, only 13,000 of the cars have been repaired.

Takata uses ammonium nitrate to create an explosion to inflate air bags. But the chemical can deteriorate when exposed to heat and humidity and blow apart a metal canister, spewing shrapnel. The inflators have killed as many as 16 people worldwide and injured more than 100. The death of the California woman, Delia Robles, was the 11th tied to Takata inflators in the U.S.

Honda says it has mailed letters, placed Facebook ads, made telephone calls, and in some instances has visited owners. But the results point out that major holes remain in the U.S. safety recall system because owners can be hard to find, particularly when it comes to used cars that have changed hands multiple times. And some owners refuse to get repairs done no matter how many times they are notified.

Safety advocates have called for laws banning the sale of any vehicle until recall repairs are made, or a national requirement that recalls be done before license plates can be renewed. But so far, there are few such requirements.

Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Florida, says Honda should do more. "No responsible automaker should be so slow in repairing defective vehicles where there's up to a 50 percent chance a driver could be killed or seriously injured if an air bag deploys," he said in a statement last week.

But Honda says it's doing all it can. "It's not for lack of unprecedented effort to try to reach these owners," company spokesman Chris Martin said. Honda will pick up cars and drop off a loaner, says Martin, who adds that Honda has parts ready to repair all the dangerous cars.

Karl Brauer, executive publisher of Autotrader.com, says it's hard for automakers to find owners of low-cost cars that are 10 or 15 years old, because many owners are young and move frequently or are immigrants who may have language barriers. Many cars have had four or more owners, making them harder to find.

But because these cars are so dangerous, Brauer says it's time to either go to everyone's home or take all 300,000 off the road.

NHTSA doesn't have legal authority to order those steps, spokesman Bryan Thomas said. The agency knows that traditional ways of contacting owners haven't been successful, and it's working with Honda on new methods, he said without offering specifics.

NHTSA is seeking a rule requiring automakers to notify owners by e-mail and text message, measure that some automakers already take voluntarily.

Thomas said Honda has told the agency that many of the 300,000 cars have been scrapped, but the agency wants proof.

Robles, 50, of Corona, California, was killed Sept. 30 when her 2001 Honda Civic was hit head-on by a left-turning pickup truck as she was on her way to get a flu shot.

Honda's Martin says she bought the car in mid-2015, likely from a small used-car dealer who purchased it two weeks earlier at an auction, which only dealers normally attend. While most automakers require new-car dealers to fix used cars subject to a recall, independent dealers don't have to.

Honda mailed Robles multiple notices using an address from California registration data, Martin says. The car was first recalled in 2008, and since then, Honda has sent the four registered owners 20 letters, he says.

There's no way for Honda to verify if Robles received the letters. Her son, Jose Contreras, said Friday that she never mentioned them to him.

Martin says it's not practical for Honda to visit all the owners with super-dangerous inflators. But he and other Honda employees have gone to some homes.

Last summer in Torrance, California, Martin spotted a 2002 Acura TL with a dangerous air bag parked on a city street. He left business cards and even a personal letter on the windshield, but heard nothing. So he went to the owner's nearby home. She didn't speak English well and had her son speak to Martin. They set up an appointment for later this week to get the inflator replaced.

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D. Kapileo of Saipan Southern High School for second place and Mohammad Fatin Khan, also of MHS, for third place.

Present during the awards ceremony were council secretary Reina Camacho, vice chair Alexis Igitol, Veterans Affairs Office's Bernie Dela Cruz, Women's Affairs Office special assistant Doris Drew, and council adviser William Torres.

When asked about what inspired her writing, Reyes said, "I get my inspiration from my great grandmother who was recently deceased. She actually has a picture of herself in the American Memorial [Visitors Center] and it inspired me because she used to talk to me about the tragedies during the war. So I based my information on that, because our past is important and it affects our future as well."

Reyes also shared how excited she is to present her piece and represent her ancestors on Friday. It was Reyes' first time competing in an essay contest.

Khan was also asked about his thoughts on receiving his award. "I'm really honored to be receiving third place. It's a really good competition, and I personally found it to be pretty difficult."

Currently a freshman at MHS, Khan was asked how he developed the content in his story considering he is not originally from the CNMI. He said, "I've been living here for four years now. Plus my teacher helped me a lot with my essay, Mr. John Darag."

Saipan Southern High School principal Martha Kintol gave her remarks on one of her student's winning second place.

"I'm excited! When our students take an interest in projects like this, that's about the community, I really do get animated. I would just like the students to know that I support them, that the school is backing them up with decisions like this, and that they are certainly doing more of what is expected of them in the classroom and that is amazing."

According to her, she came over to the awards site to check up on her student.

The "In Memoriam" event was held to honor and memorialize civilian casualties and victims of World War II on Saipan and the Northern Islands.

CW-1

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by the CW-1 cap, with most of them going to be renewed either in April or July next year. Five other CHCC staff were also capped out, with two each from the quality assurance and radiology departments and one from laboratory.

Renea D. Rajo, acting director of nursing at the Commonwealth Healthcare Center, said the potential new nurses could have plugged the shortage the CNMI's lone hospital is experiencing.

"There is already a shortage as it is, which is true anywhere else in healthcare settings in the world," said Rajo. "We were supposed to hire nine more nurses from the Philippines then the news from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services came out that the cap has been reached."

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, who returned from a recent trip to attend the GOP's Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Advisory Committee meeting in Las Vegas, and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) were one in saying the hospital's operations could not be disrupted.

"I will be meeting with [Delegate] Kilili to discuss a lot of things regarding the CW-1 issue and the status of the hospital is one of them," said Torres in yesterday's groundbreaking of the soccer pitch in Koblerville.

In an earlier interview, Sablan said: "I am very concerned about how the cut-off in CW-1 permit renewals this fiscal year might affect our hospital and other critical services."

Rajo, who began working at the hospital in 2005 but left in 2011, said they have been experiencing a relatively high number of patients at the hospital, with the island's population increasing and tourist arrivals.

"Census has been relatively high consistently, because population on the island has tremendously increased because of tourism, and that includes tourists giving births in CHC, and also people are getting sicker."

Contingency plan

Rajo said that CHCC, behind chief executive officer Esther L. Muna, MHA, already has a contingency plan in place. "We have been meeting almost everyday this past week exploring our options."

"Options on how we can apply our nurses and auxiliary staff to other visas applicable to their credential aside from just CW. We have also consulted an immigration lawyer from Guam," added Rajo, who returned to CHCC in 2013.

They have also sought the help of Sablan. "We have reached out to [Delegate] Kilili's office for our staff that will be affected prior to next fiscal year," said Rajo, who is also the Continuing Education nurse coordinator.

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Although usually common among children, adults may also catch the contagious disease.

The HFM disease is most contagious during the first week of the illness.

There are no vaccines for HFM disease, but there are limited consequences to those that acquire it. HFM disease symptoms may include fever, reduced appetite, and a sore throat. Once the fever subsides, uncomfortably painful sores may develop in the mouth. Also known as herpangina, they are usually located at the back of the mouth that starts out as small blisters before gradually turning into oral ulcers. Skin rashes and blisters may also appear on the palm of the hands, soles, and feet.

Instances where no symptoms are present may occur and the virus may still be transmitted.

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. suggests that washing hands often with soap and water is efficient in reducing the risks of being infected. Disinfecting toys and other surfaces that are frequented by the hands should also be considered.

The CHCC recommends avoiding close physical contact, including kissing, hugging, or sharing utensils with individuals expected to have HFM disease.

To relieve the painful mouth sores and fever, over-the-counter Tylenol, Ibuprofen, and mouthwash or mouth sprays that numb the pain may suffice.

CHCC carefully reiterates that children are not to be given aspirin.

If diagnosed with HFM disease, CHCC recommends staying at home and consulting a doctor whether or not it is safe to return to work or school.

For more information, contact CHCC at (670) 236-8201/2 or visit the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at http://www. cdc.gov/hand-foot-mouth/index.html.

Tinian's BIG donates $2K to Shriners Hospital

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Tinian-based Bridge Investment Group donated $2,000 to the Shriners Hospital for Children in early October 2016. Shriners Hospital in Hawaii provides pediatric orthopedic care.

This is not the first time that Bridge Investment Group CEO Phillip Mendiola Long has donated to the hospital. According to Long, he has had a personal affiliation with the organization for years. "I would remember when my brother had a bone problem in his knee back when he was younger, I would watch Shriners taking care of him."

Long has been making personal contributions to Shriners sporadically for about 20 years now. "What I've been wanting to do was cater to an investment that supports their [Shriners] specialist to coming out to the tiny islands."

"Because the outer islands really have a much harder time getting experts, usually having you fly off-island, at an extreme expense, in order to go see one doctor. So it makes a lot of sense to invest in a program that brings the doctor to the island where he not only sees one patient, but others in the nearby vicinity as well. It makes more economical sense in comparison to a medical referral for one person."

Long began speaking with the hospital about a year ago to try and support specialists treating other patients on the outer Pacific islands. Eventually he was advised to strictly donate to their travel expenses, to ensure that aid would go not only to Tinian, but the other small islands around the Pacific.

Bridge Investment Group is developing a casino resort on the Tinian harbor.

"Soon as we meet the compliance and Commonwealth Ports Authority agrees with the new buildings, then we can start on the construction of the actual hotel," he said. "Part of our obligation to the lease of the harbor is that we repair and replace existing dilapidated buildings that actually should've been demolished a long time ago."

"First construction we're doing is actually a ferry terminal. A roll on and roll off ferry will probably be operational by March or April next year."

Early voting will be on Nov. 1 to 7

The early voting will be held on Nov. 1 to 7 on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, according to Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Julita A. Villagomez.

Villagomez said early voting for Saipan will be held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center from 8:30am to 4pm.

ing for Tinian and Rota will be held at the same time at the two islands' respective Department of Public Safety buildings.

The CEC executive director said early voters can come in on that period, fill up the early voting form, and cast their votes.

Early voters can avoid crowded polling places during the Nov. 8 general election.

Villagomez also disclosed that all voters for Northern Islands will also be casting their votes under the early voting on Nov. 1 to 7.

There are only 160 some Northern Island voters. At present, there are no voters staying on the Northern Islands.

Villagomez said there are no absentee voters from the Northern Islands. ***(Ferdie dela Torre)***

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Ex-convict, girlfriend allegedly conspired to sell 'ice'

Members of the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force arrested on Monday an ex-convict and his girlfriend for alleged conspiracy to sell methamphetamine or "ice" on Saipan.

Denmar E. Malabanan, 28, was arrested for two counts of trafficking of a controlled substance, two counts of illegal possession of a controlled substance, one count of trafficking of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school zone, and one count of conspiracy to trafficking.

Malabanan was arrested on Monday, but was then temporarily released after he agreed to cooperate with authorities. Lawmen, however, re-arrested him Tuesday for allegedly not cooperating with them.

Emma Victoria A. Iriarte, 25, was arrested for one count each for illegal possession of a controlled substance and conspiracy to trafficking of a controlled substance.

At a hearing Tuesday, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio imposed a $100,000 cash bail each on Malabanan and Iriarte.

Assistant public defender Tillman Clark was appointed as counsel for Malabanan. The court appointed Vincent J. Seman as counsel for Iriarte. Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas appeared for the government.

Preliminary hearing will be on Nov. 3 at 9am.

Task force investigator Roque K. Camacho stated in his report that he along with other members of the task force and Drug Enforcement Administration, met a cooperating source last Sept. 8 to prepare a "buy-walk" operation to purchase $40 worth of "ice" from Malabanan.

Camacho said Malabanan instead sent his girlfriend, Iriarte, who handed a baggie of "ice" to the cooperating source.

Camacho said the cooperating source did not believe that the "ice" was worth $40, prompting Iriarte to bring the cooperating source to Malabanan's house in Chalan Kanoa.

Malabanan, through the window of his house, allegedly handed two baggies of "ice" to the cooperating source.

Camacho said the seized 0.7 gross grams tested presumptive positive for methamphetamine.

Camacho said their cooperating source managed to buy $40 more of "ice" from Malabanan outside the cooperating source's house in Chalan Kanoa last Sept. 20.

Camacho said the seized 0.4 gross grams of substance tested presumptive positive for the presence of methamphetamine.

Task force agents subsequently searched Malabanan's house. The report did not mention if drugs were seized from his house. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Traditional medicinal healers harvest plants aboard NCTS

DEDEDO, Guam—In accordance with the Programmatic Agreement associated with the Marine Corps Realignment Project in Guam, Marine Corps Activity Guam has invited traditional medicinal healers aboard the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station for opportunities to harvest medicinal plants and to collect species for transplantation.

Prior to accessing the base, traditional healers, also referred to as *suruhånu* and *suruhåna*, attended training that encompasses safety and identification of unexploded ordnance, identification and risk mitigation to endangered and protected species, and a security background check.

These healers will be accompanied by Naval Facilities Command biologists and public access coordinator as well as personnel from Marine Corps Activity Guam. ***(PR)***

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Members sought for private schools' coalition

The Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools is having a membership drive. Schools that would like to join the coalition will need to provide the necessary paperwork for the Compliance Committee to review. The required documents are a current business license, a copy of the school's current curriculum, and an anonymous list of current faculty assignments and their qualifications.

In order to encourage private schools to become members of the coalition, the coalition's board of directors had waived the membership fee for the current 2016-2017 school year.

Documents may be submitted via email to coalition president Galvin Deleon Guerrero at galvin.deleonguerrero@gmail.com. The deadline for submission is Friday, Nov. 4.

According to its mission statement, "The Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools endeavors to protect the right to autonomy and self-government of its member private schools. It also determines to safeguard the representation of its member schools' interests in the consideration, development, and implementation of government laws and regulations. It further seeks to encourage and promote the wide diversity and variety of educational services offered by private schools. The coalition also endeavors to safeguard parents' rights to choose the educational program that would fulfill the unique needs of their children. Furthermore, it desires to ensure that high academic standards are maintained by member schools."

If you would like more information about the coalition, contact Deleon Guerrero at galvin.deleonguerrero@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

MHS, Da'ok Academy tie up with CHCC's Division of Public Health

Marianas High School and Da'ok Academy will be working in collaboration with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Division of Public Health, HIV/STD Resource & Treatment Program and Maternal and Child Health Bureau Family Planning Program to educate its students in the area of sexually transmitted diseases and family planning services (methods of contraceptives).

This outreach activity supports the CNMI Public School System's Personal Responsibility Education Program in ensuring that students have access to these important health services. Services include HIV/STD education; counseling and testing; glucose screening; blood pressure screening; and family planning services.

Certified counselors will be available on site to assess at-risk students. This outreach activity will be held at MHS on Wednesday, Nov. 2, and Thursday Nov. 3, from 8am to 11:30am and at Da'ok Academy from 12:30pm to 2:30pm. ***(PR)***

Water outage in some areas set

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the public that there will be a temporary water service interruption for the villages of Kannat Tabla, Fina Sisu, portions of Chalan Kiya and As Perdido today, Oct. 27, 2016, from 12pm to 6pm.

The purpose of this water outage is to repair and replace a leaking 6-inch valve. Repairs are anticipated to be completed in the evening and customers in the affected areas should expect restoration of services soon thereafter.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/). ***(PR)***

Joint Region Marianas and GPA tie up for energy solutions in Guam

ASAN, Guam—Joint Region Marianas and the Guam Power Authority are partnering to address ongoing challenges with the islandwide power generation situation in Guam.

"We remain committed to energy solutions for our island community," said Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, Joint Region Marianas commander. "This partnership is at the heart of our One Guam philosophy."

The Department of Defense's primary provider of electricity on Guam is GPA. However, during islandwide emergencies, such as the generation shortfall experienced last month, JRM installations activate backup emergency generators to support military assets and infrastructure, alleviating demand from the islandwide grid and enabling GPA to focus on providing power to the community.

"We share a long history of working with GPA for the betterment of the islandwide power system," said Capt. Stephanie Jones, Joint Region Marianas regional engineer. "We have mutual interests to ensure stable and sufficient electricity for military readiness and civilian requirements."

When fully capable, the Orote Power Plant on Naval Base Guam may provide up to 19.8 megawatts of electric requirement for NBG. Backup generators on Naval Computer Telecommunications Station may provide its full electric requirement of 3.4 megawatts; and on Andersen Air Force Base, building emergency generators may provide up to three megawatts in support of the installation's requirement.

"We are working closely with all of our federal and private-sector partners to resolve this islandwide power shortage," said John M. Benavente, P.E. GPA general manager. "This close collaboration demonstrates the success of our partnership and enhances our efforts to identify utility solutions for our community today and into the future."

Additionally, NBG Public Works Office provided demineralized water to the Cabras 1 boilers Sept. 18, which according to GPA, helped speed up the process of bringing that power plant back online.

Military and GPA leaders, meanwhile, highly encourage consumers to adopt more aggressive conservation measures during these challenging times.

"We are in the midst of Energy Action Month," said Jones. "This is a great time to encourage everyone to do their part. Turn off lights, cooling units and appliances when not in use; every little bit helps. When we minimize use we are decreasing demand and this will make a difference." ***(PR)***

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In photo from left to right, Jacky V. Santos, Beauty Training director, Stellar Marianas; Maria Valentina Haberman, director of Public Relations, Stellar Marianas; Sen. Steve Mesngon of Rota; Palanga Taimanao, 2016 Miss Teen Marianas; Cecile Taimanao, mother of 2016 Miss Teen Marianas; Rep. Glenn Maratita of Rota; Sen. Teresita A. Santos of Rota; and Ping Guerrero, national director, Stellar Marianas.

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Rota delegation honors Taimanao for her win

The Rota Legislative Delegation recently presented Palanga Tiara B. Taimanao with a commemorative resolution for being crowned the 2016 Miss Teen Marianas.

Se. Teresita A. Santos, Sen. Steve K. Mesngon, and Rep. Glenn L. Maratita extended their gratitude and admiration to both Palanga and her parents, Elphrain S. Junior and Cecile Taimanao.

Commemorative Resolution 19-9 was presented to the 2016 Miss Teen Marianas on Thursday, Oct. 20, in honor of her hard work and for being the first young lady from the island of Rota to represent the CNMI internationally.

Upon receiving her title back in July this year, both Taimanao and her mother relocated from their home island of Rota to Saipan to further support Taimanao's growth and development with Stellar Marianas as an ambassador of the CNMI.

Taimanao's endeavors include her social platform in support of agricultural sustainability of the islands and she plans to initiate the movement in the months to come. ***(PR)***

Candidates' forum set today

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will host a candidate forum for the municipal council and House of Representatives Precinct 3 candidates today, Oct. 27, 2016.

SCC will also be hosting a forum for the House of Representatives Precinct 2, Precinct 4, and Precinct 5 candidates on Friday, Oct. 28, 2016, from 6pm to 9pm at the Multi-Purpose Center.

These forums are conducted in the effort to help educate voters on the issues of the islands by having the chance to hear differing opinions and solutions, and for those who wish to hear the various platforms of each candidate.

All candidates have been invited to speak. Today, Oct. 27, 2016, we have invited municipal council candidates: Luis John Castro and Diego Litulumar Kaipat to speak. We have also invited House of Representatives Precinct 3 candidates: Donald Cabrera Barcinas, Ivan Alfonso Blanco, Francisco Santos Delacruz, Jose Ilo Itibus, Blas Johnathan Tenorio Attao, Anthony Tenorio Benavente, Vicente Castro Camacho, Heinz Sablan Hofschneider, Ramon Angailen Tebuteb, Stanley Tudela Torres, Edmund J. Sablan Villagomez, and Ralph Naraja Yumul.

On Friday, Oct. 28, 2016, we have invited House of Representative Precinct 2 candidates: Rafael Sablan Demapan, John Paul Palacios Sablan, and Vicente Aldan Ichihara. We have also invited Precinct 4 candidates: George Norita Camacho, Alice Santos Igitol, Aaron Jay Murdock, Joseph Kani Ruak, and Vinson Edward Flores Sablan. We extended our invitation to Precinct 5 candidates as well: Antonio Reyes Agulto, Francisco Concepcion Aguon, James Anthony Duenas Cabrera, Antonio Muna Camacho, and Lorenzo Iglecias Deleon Guerrero.

Each candidate will be given time to answer questions submitted in advance by the general public. Time limits will be enforced fairly and equally. No questions from the audience will be allowed at the event. Questions for these candidate forums may be submitted by email to Chamber executive director Jill Arenovski at executive@saipanchamber.com. All questions will be sent to a third party for confidential review.

Tickets are available in advance at the Chamber office on the third floor of the Marianas Business Center for $10/per night and will also be sold at the door on the day of the event. Attendees should arrive before the event begins as the doors will close promptly at 6pm.

Attendees are not allowed to carry banners, hold signs or otherwise distract the speakers. Audience members may not display any promotional materials supporting any candidate, including but not limited to buttons, hats, T-shirts, etc. Other rules and procedures will be explained by the moderator at the start of the event.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization with over 160 members to date. The SCC was founded in 1959 and incorporated in 1976. It is the largest private business organization in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. For more information, call the Chamber office at (670) 234-7150 or email administrator@saipanchamber.com. ***(SCC)***

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Resolution commends NMI students on UOG Senate

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

The House of Representatives passed a resolution congratulating five students from Saipan who were recently elected to serve as senators for the 55th Student Government Association of the University of Guam. Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) introduced House Resolution 19-52.

The five are Alexia Faustina Sablan Ada, Jullian Martin P. Briosos, Maria Angelica B. Malasarte, Maria B. Ogarro, and Bertran Franklin Del Rosario Palacios Jr. The students have been active in various campus activities that would help them in their respective future careers.

The UOG-SGA is composed of 15 members—president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and 11 senators—with different majors and various interests. UOG assistant professor Dr. Suzanne Bells McManus, Ph.D. and associate professor Dr. Michael A. Griffin, Ph.D. serve as advisers of the student body.

"These five young remarkable individuals serve as role models to the youth of the Commonwealth to follow and serve as a reminder that a bright future is ahead of us, especially for aspiring students who wish to further their education and become productive contributors to society," said Demapan.

Ada is currently a sophomore taking up a degree in Health Science with Public Health as major and minor in Health Services Administration. She is the SGA's Academic Affairs Committee's chairperson, and a member of the Oversight and Review Committee aside from having a part-time job and attending her classes in the 2016 fall semester.

Briosis is an enlisted member of the Guam Army National Guard after his high school graduation and is now a graphic designer that made several posters and banners for different departments at UOG. This Business Administration sophomore, with Marketing as his major, is also a teaching assistant for the Office of the Dean.

Malasarte is a member of the Finance and Public Relations committees and is in her second year, taking up a degree in Marketing. She wants to be more involved in community outreach events and other environmental awareness campaigns.

Ogarro, a Bill and Melinda Gates scholar, is the current secretary of the UOG's SGA. She is a graduating BBA senior with concentration on Human Resources Management.

Palacios, a former senator and treasurer of the SGA's 54th assembly, currently serves as a member of the Finance and Public Relations committees. He is a sophomore taking up Marketing while also the Miss Universe Guam Organization's publicist and marketing coordinator. He is also the curator/co-owner of *Guam Weekly* and a member of the UOG chapter of the American Marketing Association.

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From left, Marchie F. Fernandez, NMC student and scholarship recipient; Roy Luie A. Alegre, NMC student and scholarship recipient; Maureen N. Maratita, publisher, Glimpses Publications and member, Businesswoman of the Year committee; Jasmine P. Che, NMC student and scholarship recipient; Vicorylie A. Quijano, NMC student and scholarship recipient; Carmen Fernandez, president, NMC; Wendi S. Herring, general manager, Asia Pacific Hotels Inc. which does business as Kanoa Resort Saipan, and 2016 Businesswoman of the Year nominee; Victoria B. Concepcion, assistant vice president; and Rita C. Agulto, personal banker, both with First Hawaiian Bank.

UoG students organizing Google event on Saipan

A Google business startup event that has been held in over 150 countries around the globe will make its way for the first time to the CNMI early next month.

"We're excited to bring this global event to the CNMI," said event organizer Anthony R. Quenga, a graduate of University of Guam's Professional Master of Business Administration program. "Many Startup Weekends have hosted participants regardless of their age or business experience. We welcome and encourage everyone to participate."

Powered by Google for Entrepreneurs, Startup Weekend is an event in which attendees pitch ideas, form teams, learn the entrepreneurial process and build companies in just 54 hours over the span of one weekend. To date, over 23,000 teams have formed as part of the event and Startup Weekend has held close to 3,000 events worldwide.

Students from the UOG's PMBA program are coordinating the event and calling on talent in the CNMI to meet on Saipan to turn their business ideas into reality.

"Guam is hosting its third startup weekend this year and our organizing team wished to expand this global opportunity into the region," Quenga said.

The event starts on a Friday evening when participants can make a 60-second pitch on their business ideas. On Saturday, the participants, aided by mentors and regional experts, form teams around the top ideas and spend the rest of the weekend developing and building their ideas. On Sunday evening, teams come together and pitch their newly-launched company to a panel of judges.

Those who attend can take advantage of the opportunity to develop their startup business ideas and may be eligible for prizes.

The event will be held from Nov. 4 to 6 at Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

Tickets can be purchased for the early bird price of $0.99 at the EventBrite page: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/start-up-weekend-saipan-2016-ti…

For more information, contact Quenga at (671) 787-5856 or Maria Hernandez at (671) 482-8804. You can also visit the event webpage at: http://saipan-n-mariana-islands.up.co/events/10212. ***(PR)***

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In Re The Matter Of The Petition To Appoint General Guardianship For:	)	FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0517
Nathaniel A. Del Rosario Karlo Roman A. Del Rosario Minor Child	)	**NOTICE OF HEARING**
By: Vivian J. Abanes Petitioner	)	

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on November 10, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A, before Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 18th day of October, 2016

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

JULIO E. YAP Petitioner,	]	FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-0023
-vs-	]	
EMERITA SISON YAP Respondent,	]	SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

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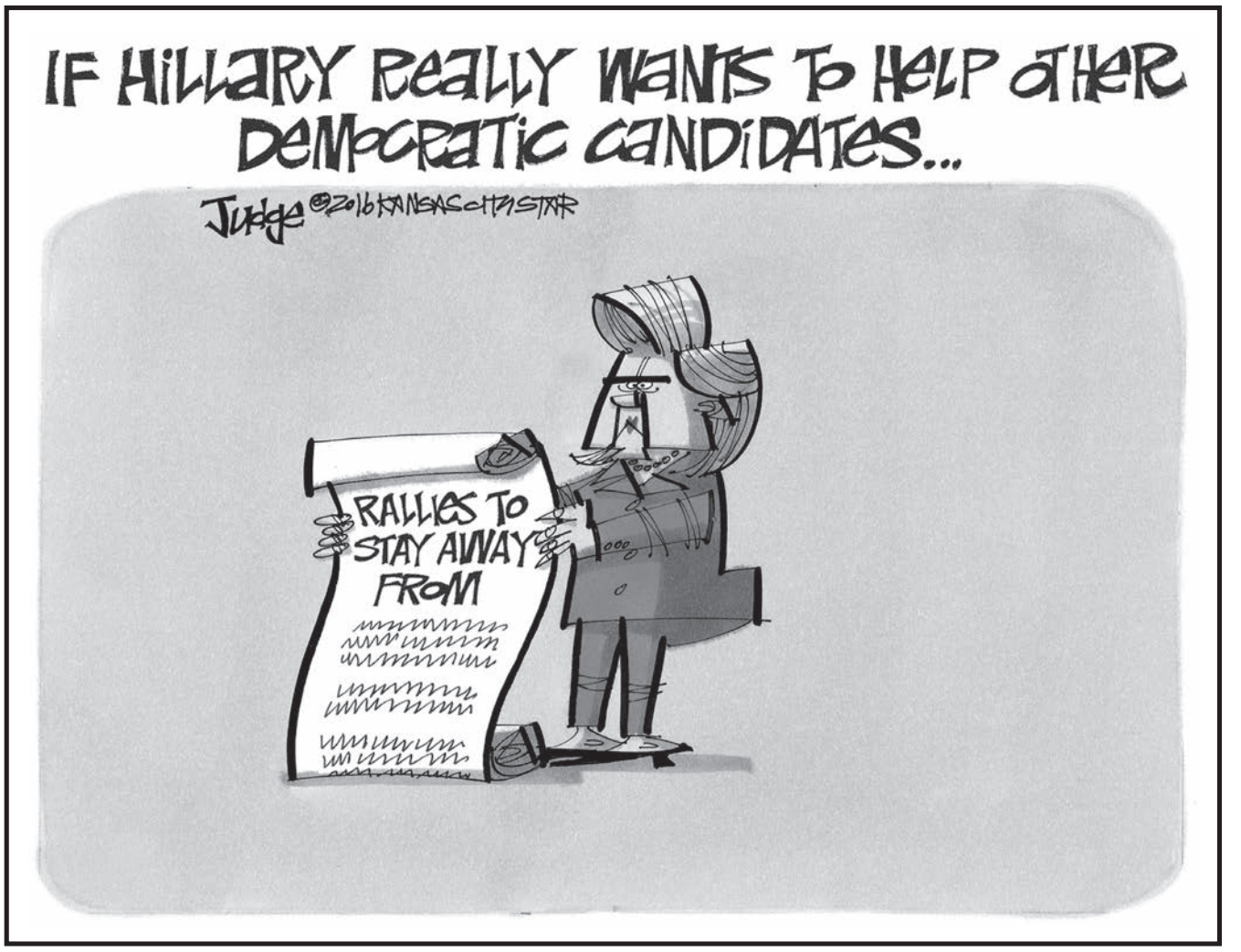

EDITORIAL

Would AT&T-Time Warner megamerger help consumers?

From corporate boardrooms, the proposed AT&T takeover of Time Warner may look like a great deal. A model of vertical integration, it brings together the production of news, entertainment and other content with its distribution on smartphones, computers, cable and satellite TV.

But it's difficult to see how this $85.4 billion megamerger makes much sense for consumers.

Federal regulators should set a very high bar to allow this deal to go forward, and should be at least as skeptical as they were of Comcast's attempted purchase of Time Warner. After regulators raised significant questions, Comcast abandoned the deal last year. It would have put half the nation's homes under the control of Comcast, the cable and Internet giant that in 2011 took over NBCUniversal, another major content provider.

Besides the impact on customers, one crucial issue is how AT&T would handle CNN, which remains an influential news source in America and around the world. When CNN was reporting on the deal Saturday, a correspondent awkwardly joked that she just hoped that phones sold by AT&T would have a built-in CNN app.

This is no laughing matter. The telecommunications giant has never owned a news division before, so its pledge to journalistic noninterference is essential.

Review of this deal will almost certainly go into the next administration. For one of the few times this presidential campaign, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump agreed. Clinton's camp called on regulators to scrutinize the deal closely, and she has pledged to be tougher on big mergers than President Barack Obama. And while Trump is wrong about a media conspiracy trying to rig the election against him, he's right to raise red flags about concentrating too much power in the hands of too few.

Already, the merger partners are massive conglomerates. AT&T is the nation's biggest satellite TV provider, the second-largest wireless company and one of the largest broadband internet providers. It reported an eye-popping $147 billion in revenue last year. Time Warner, one of the largest content companies, owns HBO and Warner Bros., and had $24 billion in revenues in 2015.

Also, there has already been sweeping consolidation in the media industry, and the pace is accelerating. Verizon is seeking to buy Yahoo, Lionsgate is trying to merge with Starz, and now this megadeal.

Back in the days of Princess phones, Ma Bell was forced to break up its monopoly in the early 1980s, creating regional companies for local phone service, while allowing the parent company to keep long distance. Since then, the Internet has transformed our lives.

But there's no reason to abandon the principles of free and fair competition that have helped make the U.S. economy the most dynamic and resilient in the world.

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What protest votes do

By HENRY WEINSTEIN
Los Angeles Times

Henry Weinstein was a Los Angeles Times *staff writer from 1978 to 2008, reporting on poverty, labor, politics and law. He now teaches law and journalism at the University of California at Irvine.*

When I stepped into the polling booth on Nov. 5, 1968, to cast my first vote for president, I was an angry law student active in a variety of causes, including the civil rights movement, the antiwar movement and endeavors to enable California farmworkers to unionize.

I did not like either of the major candidates. Richard Nixon and his running mate, Spiro Agnew, promised to bring an unholy version of "law and order" to our country, just as Republican candidate Donald Trump is hawking now.

I also had no enthusiasm for Democratic candidate Hubert H. Humphrey. Until he became vice president under Lyndon Johnson, I admired Humphrey, the Minnesota senator who had championed civil rights. But Triple H morphed into Johnson's surrogate, supporting an unwise, immoral war in Vietnam.

A devastating Bill Mauldin cartoon crystallized my feelings about Humphrey's noxious role. It depicted Humphrey speaking to a Vietnamese woman seeking shelter from American bombs in foxhole. The caption: "Ma'am, I represent The Great Society."

My hostility to Humphrey intensified during the Democratic convention when Chicago Mayor Richard Daley's gendarmes beat demonstrators with truncheons on city streets, prompting Connecticut Sen. Abe Ribicoff to blast the police's "Gestapo" tactics in a speech from the convention podium. In response, Daley, a Humphrey backer, brandished his middle finger.

So, what to do on Nov. 5? Be practical, settle for half a loaf with Humphrey? Or "take a stand on principle," not succumb to voting for "the lesser of two evils" and declare, in effect, "it really doesn't make a difference?"

My emotions prevailed. I wrote in Dick Gregory, an African-American comedian who championed civil rights and opposed the war. Some friends voted for Black Panther Minister of Information Eldridge Cleaver, the Peace and Freedom Party candidate. We walked out of our polling places feeling righteous.

In California, the smattering of votes garnered by Cleaver (27,707) and Gregory (3,230) had no impact on the outcome. Nixon defeated Humphrey by 223,000 votes. But there were people like us across the country who did not take the long view and consequently failed to do what Humphrey needed to win _ register voters, talk to neighbors, canvas to increase election-day turnout. Nationally, Nixon prevailed _ 31.7 million votes to 31.2 million votes.

Once ensconced in the White House with a little help from those of us who took a "principled stand," Nixon and his chief foreign policy advisor, Henry Kissinger, dragged out the Vietnam War for another seven years, leading to thousands of American deaths and a million more Vietnamese deaths. Nixon's reign also brought an era of dirty tricks culminating in the Watergate scandal. Of more enduring consequence, Nixon appointed several men to the Supreme Court who sought to curb or undo the expansion of democratic liberties achieved while Earl Warren was chief justice. (President Barack Obama's successor may get three Supreme Court appointments. Trump's model justice is the late Antonin Scalia, whose hostility to progressive causes knew no bounds.)

Those of us who helped Nixon win by failing to support the better candidate naively acted as if voting in a presidential election was a simple matter of morality that overshadowed practical consequences. I made a bad decision in 1968 because I failed to acknowledge: (1) the clear potential damage Nixon and his henchmen could wreak; (2) the likelihood Humphrey would ultimately pay greater heed to antiwar protests than Nixon, not to mention how much more progressive Humphrey was on domestic issues; and (3) that voting in an election is just one action, among many, that an American can take to make a better society.

Staunch supporters of Sen. Bernie Sanders, whose views are much closer to mine than Hillary Clinton's, seem to feel like I did years ago: "The system is rotten; I will vote for a third-party candidate or sit it out." But history shows progressives that it is folly to vote for a sure loser such as Gary Johnson or Jill Stein.

Antiwar activist Michael Ansara, a leader of Students for a Democratic Society in the 1960s, recently urged Sanders stalwarts to reject the path we took in 1968. "Looking back," he said, "we young idealists and activists were not so much wrong in our assessments of Humphrey as we were totally wrong in our assessment of whether it matters if a corporate center liberal is elected over an insecure, unstable, right-wing candidate who does not respect the Constitution."

Trump has stoked racism, xenophobia and sexism, expressed contempt for a free press, denied climate change, urged repeal of the Affordable Care Act, advocated mass deportations, sanc-

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No cure for cancer

By RUSS MASON
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Russ Mason, M.S., wrote for a medical journal, "Alternative & Complementary Therapies," for eight years. He interviewed dozens of doctors who had much to share about unconventional treatment options. These included Tibetan medicine, Chinese medicine, botanicals, and treating stroke victims with hyperbaric oxygen.

Cancer is almost never cured. Instead, it is "managed."

Yes, there have been remissions, but a remission is not a cure. This is part of the agendas of the FDA and the big pharmaceutical companies.

If a cure were made available—and there are some—a multi-billion dollar industry would grind to a halt. Cancer patients would become well and there would no longer be a need for costly pharmaceuticals.

More than a dozen years ago I interviewed a man named Ralph Moss, Ph.D. At the time, he was fairly unknown in the cancer world. Since then, however, he has become the foremost expert on cancer treatments and methodology in the world. He's brilliant.

In the mid 197s, Dr. Moss was hired by Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. Although he was formerly a scholar of ancient Greek, he was hired to do two things: to write a weekly newsletter about the goings-on at the center, and to answer letters sent in by cancer patients.

Some of the letters he received asked about unorthodox cancer treatments, such a laetrile or essiac tea.

Dr. Moss would always respond that there has been no scientific proof that these protocols had any effect on cancer. Then he thanked them for writing to the center.

One day, as part of his duties, he visited Walker Labs in upstate New York. Walker Labs was the research component to Sloan Kettering's anti-cancer initiatives. They were looking for a cure.

Quite by accident Dr. Moss encountered the head of the research department, Dr. Kanematsu Sugiura—"the father of chemotherapy."

Moss asked him, "What are you working on now?"

Sugiura replied, "I am working on amigdalyn (laetrile)."

"Why would you study something that doesn't work?" asked Moss.

"But it does," replied Sugiura.

Sugiura's research confirmed that not only did amigdalyn prevent cancer, it also prevented metastases (spreading) 80 percent of the time. It was a potent anti-cancer substance, which occurs naturally in fresh apricot (and other) seeds.

Excited, Moss shared Sugiura's findings with the head officers of Sloan Kettering, and they shared his excitement.

They went to Washington, D.C., to petition the FDA to allow clinical trials of amigdalyn on people.

Not only did the FDA say no, they threatened to cut Sloan Kettering's funding if they pursued this course of research.

Disheartened, the heads of Sloan Kettering returned to New York.

The FDA then issued an edict to the head doctors: the research was to be re-done according to their guidelines.

This was accomplished by another research team. In the end, it showed that amigdalyn (laetrile) was worthless as a cancer treatment.

Baffled, Dr. Moss called up Dr. Sugiura to report the findings.

"What was the dosage?" asked Dr. Sugiura.

It turns out that the new research was one-tenth the dosage of Sugiura's initial treatment. And yet, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center published the new research, claiming that amigdalyn was worthless.

Enraged, Dr. Moss held a press conference and told the truth: that the research and its findings were manipulated by the FDA, and that a viable treatment option for cancer was being discarded.

Moss was fired, and he burst into tears. Then he rallied and said, "You haven't heard the last of me. I am going to write a book about this."

Moss's book, *The Cancer Industry* (still in print) became a best seller. It also put Dr. Moss on a path of finding the best and most reliable treatments for cancer, including amigdalyn.

Since then, Dr. Moss has appeared in numerous videos, and a feature film, *Second Opinion*. He has also been on many radio programs, including coast-to-coast AM with George Noory.

Although his primary focus is on the curative properties of amigdalyn (laetrile), he discusses other treatment options—options which the FDA has banned here.

Why would the FDA ban treatment options?

Because, as I stated above, if cancer were cured, the pharmaceutical industry would lose billions of dollars and the funding they receive from the FDA.

However, amigdalyn is legal and available in Mexico, and many cancer patients drive down to Tijuana to buy the drug. It is also widely available in Europe, but not here.

However, there is a loophole, so a cancer patient can get amigdalyn by buying and eating fresh apricot seeds.

They are only available from a Website: Rainrocknutritionals.com A one-lb bag, containing approximately 660 apricot "kernels," costs around $20.

The cancer-preventive dose is eight kernels per day. If you have cancer, you can eat more, up to 60 per day. Apricot seeds are less toxic and far cheaper than chemotherapy.

World Without Cancer is a book and audio series by a man named G. Edward Griffin. Although he is not a physician, he is a wise researcher, who had many consultations with cancer doctors prior to publication. If you search for *World Without Cancer* on YouTube, you will find Mr. Griffin's video, which was made in 1974.

Griffin's thesis is that amigdalyn (laetrile) is also known as vitamin B17, and that cancer is actually a deficiency disease.

Griffin cites that animals in the jungle, such as apes, will seek out this vitamin by eating certain foods and nuts.

Griffin based his findings on the research of Dr. Ernst Krebs, who found that people who were deficient in vitamin B17 increased their risk of cancer significantly.

Dr. Krebs also found that people who ate fresh (not sun-dried or roasted) apricot seeds were not only able to prevent cancer, but to halt its progression if someone had the disease.

There are other effective treatments for cancer, as I have previously written. Foremost among them is baking soda. You dissolve ½ teaspoon of baking soda (not baking powder!) in a glass of water and drink it.

An Italian physician, Dr. Simoncini, claims to have cured cancer patients with baking soda. Although I never met the man or any of his patients, he is obviously sincere in his online videos.

In fact, there are dozens of reported cancer cures on YouTube if you take the time to find and watch them.

But as I have stated often, the best remedy is prevention. By preventing cancer in the first place, you spare yourself the heartache—and great expense—of a terrible disease.

Therefore, if you eat 8 or more fresh apricot seeds every day, and drink the baking soda solution, you have cut your risk of getting cancer significantly.

The FDA would prefer that you do not know this; because they, along with big pharma, want everyone to have a nice, long, expensive illness.

PROTEST

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tioned torture, belittled the physically disabled, boasted of tax avoidance, lied endlessly and continually spoken from both sides of his mouth. Within moments of advocating restoration of "law and order" during the second debate, Trump, sounding like a Third World dictator, proclaimed that if he were president, Clinton "would be in jail." Mind you, she hasn't been indicted, much less convicted, of a crime. More broadly, he has attempted to delegitimize democratic institutions by alleging the election will be "rigged," without any evidence.

It's tragic that people who even remotely consider themselves progressives would do anything that could help Trump win. Voting for Stein or Johnson will.

Where I am coming from? I'm a proud member of the Democratic Party's Elizabeth Warren wing. I worked eight months for George McGovern during the 1972 presidential campaign and regret not a moment despite the outcome. Clinton is not Warren, and she's not Sanders; she's too hawkish, voted wrong on the Iraq war and is too close to Wall Street. But she wants to achieve immigration reform, mitigate climate change, regulate gun ownership, make college more affordable and invest in infrastructure. She has a record of work on issues of great importance, including her stint at the Children's Defense Fund and her efforts to achieve health care reform. Even Trump acknowledges that she is indefatigable.

It's absurd to argue that there is not a vast difference between Clinton and Trump, a real estate mogul and celebrity TV star with no record of public service. Perfection is not the issue. I periodically remind myself of what President Franklin D. Roosevelt told labor leaders who urged him to enact progressive legislation after his 1932 election: "I agree with you. I want to do it; now, make me do it."

If Clinton wins, progressives can push her to do things she might not do of her own volition. Russian President Vladimir Putin is more likely to get an audience with Trump than progressives are.

In April 2008, a month after leaving the Los Angeles Times and free to participate in politics again, I joyfully knocked on doors for Obama when he beat Clinton in North Carolina's critical primary. I have not gone door-to-door this year but plan to later this month in a state where the race is close. Not long ago I donated to Clinton _ specifically at the behest of U.S. Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, the longtime civil rights leader whom I consider the greatest living American. His guidance is considerably more credible than that of a purist supporting Stein or Johnson.

Merely defeating Trump is not sufficient. On Nov. 8, progressives need to be part of a loud message that what Trump represents is anathema to a democratic society. Voting for Stein or Johnson will mute a message about the dangers of Trumpism that must be delivered as forcefully as possible.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Clarifications

While I have vowed to keep out of the mainstream politics of the CNMI election process, the political issue of legalization is my only exception as I have been working on this issue for over two years and now I'm hearing it will be another two years by the authors of the CRM Act because legalization is not on the ballot this year. We need legalization now. It is also apparent that many voters are confused and are even being told that I am the reason the CMR Act is not on the ballot. FYI, two years ago I asked a member of this unknown group to work together but they flat out refused to include me. I guess they don't know that this is a democracy and that all legislation is *of, for, and by* the people and no one can be denied input for consideration. I even warned this secret group at that time that if we don't work together now that we would eventually bump heads in conflict and here we are! Se. Sixto also met with me and promised to make sure we worked together on his bill in time for it to be on the ballot but he did not keep his word.

I was also told that the Senate didn't want to move on Sixto's bill because I had gone public about my trip to Colorado, which is obviously a lie. I didn't go public about my trip until Sixto had filed his bill and it was obvious that the bill was a dead issue and too late to make it to the ballot. The Senate has no reason to be upset at me for making something public that should have been public anyway. I was humbled and appreciative of the Senate leadership's wisdom to know Sixto's bill was flawed and going nowhere fast. I commend the entire Senate for their efforts to try and come up with a better bill and for working with me.

Every bill that comes out of our Legislature is supposed to be a bill *of, for, and by* the people but when Sixto uses a secret group of people to create legislation it should tell people with common sense that something is not right. To this very day the people don't know who really wrote the CMR Act. I know Sixto is credited with the bill but he did not write it.

I hope this will help to clarify what happened with the CMR Act vs the Cannabis Act and that in the future the people and the entire Legislature will continue to support my work to legalize.

Ambrose M Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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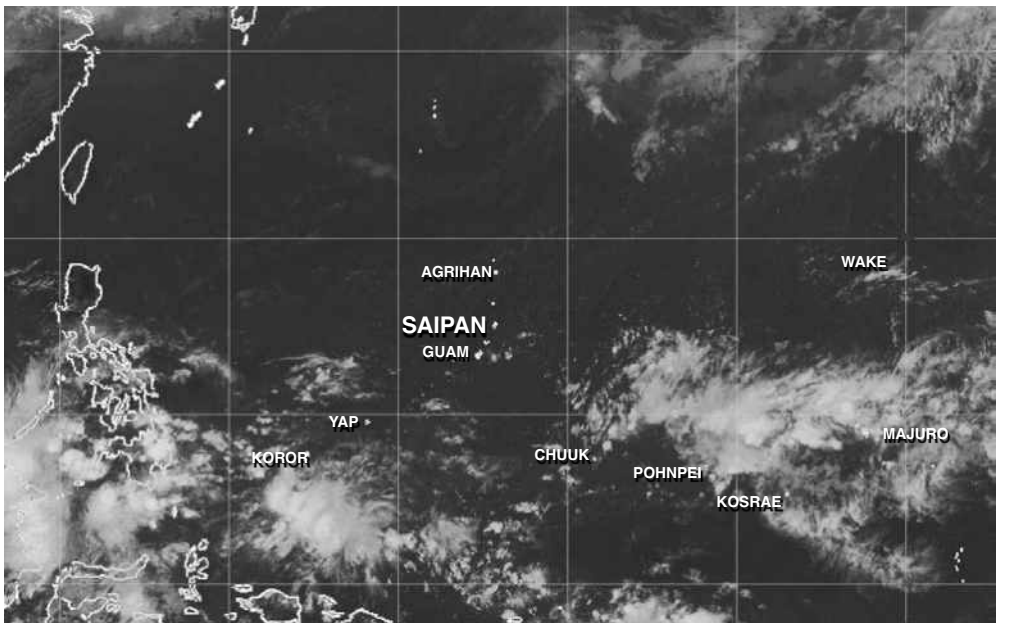

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WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC BETWEEN EQUATOR AND 25N FROM 130E TO 180.

A surface trough will form south of Guam this weekend. This will increase clouds and the chances of showers and thunderstorms over the Marianas Saturday through Sunday night. Models keep deep layer moisture low so shower coverage is expected to remain isolated. A weak circulation passing south of Guam will keep skies mostly cloudy Monday and Tuesday.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▼ ▲
Guam and Rota	Morning clouds	83 / 90 °F
Palau	Partly sunny	80 / 87 °F
Yap	Morning clouds	79 / 89 °F
Chuuk	Partly sunny	78 / 87 °F
Pohnpei	Partly cloudy	77 / 86 °F
Kosrae	Morning clouds	82 / 87 °F
Majuro	Mostly cloudy	83 / 86 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE		▼ ▲
Auckland	Morning clouds	56 / 64 °F
Beijing	Mostly cloudy	44 / 49 °F
Hong Kong	Partly cloudy	78 / 86 °F
Honolulu	Mostly sunny	73 / 80 °F
London	Sunny	46 / 61 °F
Los Angeles	Haze	59 / 77 °F
Manila	Afternoon clouds	81 / 90 °F
Melbourne	Partly cloudy	48 / 59 °F
Miami	Cloudy	76 / 81 °F
New York	Rain	40 / 57 °F
Osaka	High level clouds	53 / 69 °F
Paris	Sunny	41 / 61 °F
Pusan	Partly cloudy	60 / 68 °F
Rome	Morning clouds	52 / 71 °F
Salem	Cloudy	52 / 60 °F
San Francisco	Rain	59 / 63 °F
Seoul	High level clouds	43 / 65 °F
Tokyo	Morning clouds	54 / 68 °F
Washington, DC	Light rain	44 / 60 °F

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5:18 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.57 Feet
11:30 AM	LOW TIDE	0.47 Feet
5:44 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.87 Feet
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SUNRISE / SUNSET		
Today	6:12 AM	5:50 PM
Friday	6:12 AM	5:50 PM
Saturday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Sunday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Monday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM

MOONRISE / MOONSET		
Today	3:13 AM	3:43 PM
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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4
UA6391/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA6390/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA6390/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6391/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
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PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
UA192/6395	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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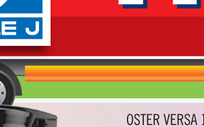
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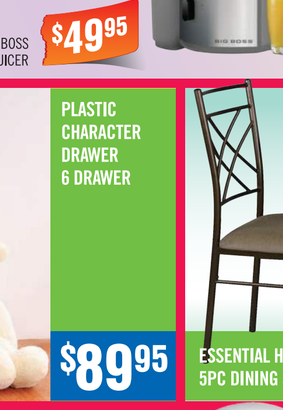
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Business

New Wells Fargo CEO to employees: 'We're sorry'

NEW YORK (AP)—Newly appointed Wells Fargo CEO Tim Sloan told employees Tuesday that he is "sorry for the pain" that the bank's employees have suffered as a result of the company's sales practices scandal.

Sloan's company-wide speech, given Tuesday in Charlotte, North Carolina, is the latest effort by Wells Fargo's executives to atone for the fact that the bank's employees, pushed to the limit by impossible sales goals, opened as many as 2 million bank and credit card accounts without customers' authorization.

In the speech, Sloan acknowledged that the bank did not respond to the problems in its branches soon enough and that upper management dodged responsibility for the bad behavior and wrongly placed blame on branch employees. Wells fired roughly 5,300 employees as a result of the scandal, the vast majority of them lower-level workers.

AP

In this Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012, file photo, a customer uses an ATM outside a Wells Fargo branch in Charlotte, N.C.

"Many felt we blamed our team members. That one still hurts, and I am committed to rectifying it," Sloan said.

Wells Fargo is enveloped in the biggest scandal in its 164-year history, which earlier this month forced the abrupt retirement this month of its CEO, John Stumpf . The bank faces several class-action lawsuits, as well as criminal investigations by the Department of Justice and the California Attorney General's Office. Even in this bitterly divided election season, members of Congress have found bipartisan unity in their disdain for Wells Fargo and its sales practices.

There are also signs that customers are leaving the bank, or at least paring back their business with Wells. In its quarterly earnings report released this month, Wells reported double-digit percentage drops in bank account openings, as well as declines in bank branch traffic.

Anger still flares after judge OKs Volkswagen emissions deal

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A federal judge approved the largest auto-scandal settlement in U.S. history Tuesday, giving nearly a half-million Volkswagen owners and leaseholders the choice between selling their cars back or having them repaired so they don't cheat on emissions tests and spew excess pollution.

U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer said the nearly $15 billion deal "adequately and fairly" compensates consumers and gets the polluting vehicles off the road as soon as possible.

The German automaker acknowledged last year that about 475,000 Volkswagens and Audis with 2-liter, four-cylinder diesel engines were programmed to cheat on emissions tests.

Under the agreement, owners can choose to have Volkswagen buy back their vehicle regardless of its condition for the full trade-in price on Sept. 18, 2015, when the scandal broke, or pay for repairs. Either way, Volkswagen also will pay owners $5,100 to $10,000, depending on the age of the car and whether the owner had it prior to Sept. 18 of last year.

Volkswagen has agreed to spend up to $10 billion compensating consumers and could start buying back the cars as early as next month. Regulators have not approved any fixes.

The settlement also includes $2.7 billion for unspecified environmental mitigation and $2 billion to promote zero-emissions vehicles.

"We're going to sell it back as soon as humanly possible and try to put this behind us," said Joe Azam, a 35-year-old attorney in New York who owns a 2014 Jetta wagon.

Still, Azam said he thought Volkswagen "got off easy" in how much it was paying vehicle owners.

Blair Stewart, a 2012 Jetta wagon owner in Palo Alto, California, said Volkswagen should have paid owners the full purchase price of their vehicle, given the company's fraud.

Trump: 'No interest' in Trump TV; campaign debuts show

NEW YORK (AP)—Donald Trump said Tuesday he has no interest in a "Trump TV" media venture should he lose the election, a notion that has persisted this week after a television-like alternative to the network nightly news programs began streaming on his Facebook page.

The inaugural "Live From Trump Tower," an online program hosted by Trump campaign surrogates Boris Epshteyn and Cliff Sims, directly competed Monday with the ABC, CBS and NBC national newscasts and their increasingly gloomy assessments of the Republican presidential candidate's chances of winning the upcoming election.

The program, expected to air eight more times before the election, is collaboration between the campaign and a fledgling company that has been streaming Trump's campaign rallies online for more than a year. Some see it as a precursor to a future Trump media company, although the candidate threw cold water on the idea in an interview with Cincinnati WLW radio interviewer Scott Sloan.

"I have no interest in Trump TV," Trump said. "I hear it all over the place. You know, I have a tremendous fan base. We have the most incredible people. But I just don't have any interest in that. I have one interest, that's on November 8th."

The Trump TV possibility was fueled earlier this month by a report in The Financial Times that Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, had a conversation about it with a friend at an investment bank that specializes in media deals. Trump's campaign is being run now be Stephen Bannon, who was head of the conservative Breitbart News operation. For all his current poll troubles, Trump is a proven ratings magnet: two of the three most-watched presidential debates ever were between him and Democrat Hillary Clinton.

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Nation

Trump, GOP look to 'Obamacare' report as comeback lifeline

DORAL, Florida (AP)—Suddenly armed with fresh political ammunition, Donald Trump and anxious Republicans across the nation seized on spiking health care costs Tuesday in a final-days effort to spark election momentum.

The Republican presidential nominee, trekking across must-win Florida, insisted "Obamacare is just blowing up" after the government projected sharp cost increases for President Barack Obama's signature health care law. Democrat Hillary Clinton, fighting to block Trump in the same battleground state, has vowed to preserve insurance for the millions of Americans covered under the law, but her team described the cost surge as a "big concern."

AP

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks at a campaign rally, Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016, in Tallahassee, Fla.

Trump closed out the day by casting the government's projections about the health care law in personal terms.

"It's killing our businesses. It's killing our small businesses. And it's killing individuals," Trump told supporters at an evening rally in Tallahassee, without presenting evidence to back up his assertions.

While the health care law has provided coverage to millions previously uninsured, it has also increased costs and regulatory burdens for businesses, particularly medium-sized to large companies. But small businesses are exempt from its requirement to cover full-time employees or face fines.

The renewed emphasis on health care gave battered Republican House and Senate candidates a brief respite from months of painful questions about their presidential nominee, who has questioned the integrity of the U.S. election system while facing personal allegations of sexual misconduct. Trump has denied any wrongdoing.

"My first day in office I'm going to ask Congress to put a bill on my desk getting rid of this disastrous law," a fiery Trump told thousands of voters gathered at an airport along the Interstate 4 corridor.

Blessed with an unexpected political gift, however, it's unclear whether Trump will be able to capitalize.

"He could make this race for the last two weeks a referendum on Obamacare. But of course he won't do that," said former Ted Cruz strategist Chris Wilson. "It's just a matter of him swatting at flies instead of having a coherent and consistent message."

Indeed, Trump has struggled to stay focused on the traditional issues throughout his outsider candidacy.

Police: Oklahoma man wanted for violent crimes had hit list

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—The Oklahoma man who's been wanted since Sunday in a string of violent crimes, including the killings of two relatives, had a hit list purporting to target several more people, authorities said Tuesday.

Michael Dale Vance Jr., a 38-year-old man from Chandler, Oklahoma, is wanted on multiple charges, including two counts of first-degree murder. He was last seen early Monday about 30 miles from the Texas border in western Oklahoma—165 miles from where the manhunt began Sunday night in Wellston.

"Obviously, as long as he isn't apprehended, we're extremely concerned about those he may have indicated that he wishes harm to," Oklahoma County Sheriff John Whetsel told The Oklahoman newspaper on Tuesday. "Most of those are outside of Oklahoma County."

The FBI is coordinating the search for Vance among several federal, state and local agencies and is deliberately being tight-lipped so Vance isn't tipped off to their efforts, spokesman Terry Weber said in a statement.

"This investigation is ongoing and any premature release of information regarding the apprehension efforts of Mr. Vance can negatively impact these efforts to safely apprehend (him)," Weber said.

Whetsel also said law enforcement is providing protection for the people on the alleged hit list.

The search began Sunday night after two police officers were shot and wounded as they responded to shots fired in Wellston, about 35 miles northeast of Oklahoma City. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office said one person was arrested, but Vance fled in a patrol vehicle.

Vance is suspected of later shooting a woman and stealing her vehicle at a mobile home park near Wellston, then driving about 8 miles to his relatives' mobile home in Luther and killing them, Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office spokesman Mark Opgrande said.

Fearing Election Day trouble, some US schools cancel classes

FALMOUTH, Maine (AP)—Rigged elections. Vigilante observers. Angry voters. The claims, threats and passions surrounding the presidential race have led communities around the U.S. to move polling places out of schools or cancel classes on Election Day.

The fear is that the ugly rhetoric of the campaign could escalate into confrontations and even violence in school hallways, endangering students.

"If anybody can sit there and say they don't think this is a contentious election, then they aren't paying much attention," said Ed Tolan, police chief in this seaside community, which decided to call off classes on Election Day and put additional officers on duty Nov. 8.

School officials already are on edge because of the shootings and threats that have become all too common. They point to the recent firebombing of a Republican Party office in one North Carolina county and the shooting-up of another with a BB gun as the type of trouble they fear on Election Day.

Some of those anxieties have been stoked by Donald Trump's repeated claims that the election is rigged and his appeal to his supporters to stand guard against fraud at the polls. Some are worried about clashes between the self-appointed observers and voters.

Parent Alpay Balkir said he is glad children will be home. His 8-year-old son is a student in Falmouth, where the high school doubles as a polling place.

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Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 03, 2016
5:00 PM, Zoning Board Conference Room
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A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 9/19/2016 meeting minutes
5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)

B. Public Hearings

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Rezone Application #2016-3251: Mr. Joaquin M. Manglona is requesting to rezone Lot 001 H 06 in Susupe from "Village Residential" to "Village Commercial" zoning district to construct a two or three storey hotel facility.

Conditional Use Application #2016-3675 (Amendment): Saipan International Real Estate Development Corp. dba Ocean Vista Resort is proposing to amend their Conditional Use Permit No. 2014-4028 to change parking layout, increase number of parking, increase number of rooms, and elimination of proposed villas. This use is classified as "Hotel/Resort" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Capitol Hill along Isa Drive on Lots TR 21687, H328-4 & H328-1. It is zoned as Rural.

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C. Communication

D. Old Business
1. Proposed changes to the Zoning Fees

E. New Business
1. H.S. Lee Construction Co., Inc.'s Zoning Variance Application No. 2016-3421 for parking
2. Extension request of Lee Young Chul's Conditional Use Permit No. 2015-1151

F. Executive (Closed) Session

G. Miscellaneous
a. Other Matters
b. Announcements
c. Next Meeting

H. Adjourn

Asia

Pakistani cadets ran, jumped from windows to flee militants

QUETTA, Pakistan (AP)—Survivors of an overnight attack that killed 61 people at a Pakistani police academy described chaotic scenes of gunfire and explosions, with militants shooting anyone they saw and cadets running for their lives and jumping from windows and rooftops.

A Taliban splinter group and an affiliate of the Islamic State group made competing claims of responsibility for the four-hour siege late Monday at the Police Training College on the outskirts of the southwestern city of Quetta.

Most of the dead and the 123 wounded were recruits and cadets, said Wasay Khan, a spokesman for the paramilitary Frontier Corps. Of the three militants who carried out the attack, two blew themselves up with explosive vests and the third was killed by army gunfire, he added.

As the nation reeled and sought to understand how militants were able to carry out such violence, many Pakistanis were reminded of a bloody 2014 attack by the Taliban on an army-run school in Peshawar in which more than 150 people, mostly children, were killed.

AP

People light candles to pay tribute to the victims of an overnight attack on the Quetta Police Training Academy during a vigil in Lahore, Pakistan, Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016.

Broadcasters on Tuesday showed the aftermath of the attack on the Quetta academy: scorched windows and floors littered with the shoes of the dead and wounded.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and the army chief Gen. Raheel Sharif rushed to the scene to meet with survivors, who spoke of the horrors of the surprise attack on about 700 cadets, trainees, instructors and other staff that began about 11:30 p.m.

Cadet Asif Hussain said he had been asleep when gunshots broke out.

"We hid ourselves beneath cots. We had in our mind that if we didn't lock ourselves inside the hall, they will kill us," he said.

The attackers kicked at their door but failed to open it, Hussain said. The gunmen instead fired on them from a window, wounding two cadets before moving to a nearby dorm.

Shortly after entering, one of the attackers detonated his vest inside a hall after firing at cadets.

In the chaos, cadets and trainers ran for their lives, jumping through windows and off rooftops to try to escape.

Troops arrived and "it gave us confidence that we are safe now," Hussain said.

Another recruit, his face covered in blood, told a TV station that the gunmen shot at anyone they saw.

"I ran away, just praying God might save me," he said.

Another witness, Faisal Khan, said he had been chatting with friends when the shooting began.

"We closed the main door and switched off lights," he said.

While most of the casualties were from the academy, some of the soldiers who responded to the assault also were killed, said Shahzada Farhat, a police spokesman in Quetta, the capital of Baluchistan province.

The Islamic State group posted a claim of responsibility on the group's media arm, the Arabic-language Aamaq news agency. The claim was not confirmed by Pakistani officials and IS did not offer any previously unknown details about the attack.

Police say 2 were lucky to survive accident at Aussie park

SYDNEY (AP)—Two young children are fortunate to be alive, police said Wednesday, after they were thrown clear and survived an accident that killed four people on a river rapids ride at a popular theme park in Australia.

Two men and two women died in the accident on Tuesday at Dreamworld, a park on Queensland state's Gold Coast, Queensland Police Assistant Commissioner Brian Codd said.

The Thunder River Rapids ride whisks people in circular rafts along a fast-moving, artificial river, with a conveyor belt helping move the rafts through the water. Closed-circuit television footage showed the ride was coming to its conclusion when two rafts collided, Codd said.

"One has flipped backward and it has caught and tossed some of the people that were on the ride backward into the conveyor belt," Codd told reporters.

The two children, a 10-year-old boy and a 12-year-old girl, who shared the raft with the victims were thrown clear and managed to escape, he said.

"In terms of how they escaped, maybe through the providence of God or somebody, but it seems from what I've seen almost a miracle that anybody came out of that," Codd said. "If we're going to be thankful for anything, I'm thankful for that."

Codd would not explain the girls' relationship with the victims. They had been traumatized and were being cared for by family, he said.

Kim Dorsett, of Canberra, confirmed that two of the victims were her children: Kate Goodchild, 32, and Luke Dorsett, 35.

"I have three children and have lost two of them today—my whole family has been wiped out," she told The Courier-Mail newspaper on Tuesday.

Kim Dorsett was on a family vacation with her children and Goodchild's daughters from Canberra.

Police have declined to identify the other two victims, a 38-year-old man and a 42 year-old woman.

Media reports say the man was from Canberra and the woman was a New Zealand citizen who lived in Sydney.

Japan finds costs are ballooning for dismantling Fukushima

TOKYO (AP)—Japan's estimate of dismantling the Fukushima nuclear plant is ballooning far beyond the utility's estimate of 2 trillion yen ($19 billion).

A government study released Tuesday found decommissioning the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant already has cost 80 billion yen ($770 million) over the last three years.

The plant suffered multiple reactor meltdowns due to damage from the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

The ministry overseeing nuclear power said the decommissioning costs will continue at several hundreds of billions of yen (billions of dollars) a year.

Tokyo Electric Power Co., the utility that operated and is now decommissioning Fukushima Dai-ichi, has said decommissioning will take several decades.

Even if it were to take 30 years at an estimated annual cost at 300 billion yen ($3 billion), both conservative projections, the cost would be nearly 1 billion yen or $100 billion.

TEPCO spokesman Shinichi Nakakuki declined comment on the government projection, but he acknowledged TEPCO was still trying to determine what exactly the decommissioning effort might involve.

"It is difficult to calculate the entire cost for the decommissioning," he said, adding that the 2 trillion yen figure had so far taken into account the effort to remove the nuclear debris, taking the example of Three Mile Island in the U.S., as well as costs and equipment needed to keep the reactors stable.

The study did not distinguish between costs borne by the government and borne by TEPCO, which received a government bailout.

Japan has been struggling to clean up parts of the no-go zone to put the worst nuclear catastrophe since Chernobyl behind it.

The government has estimated that decontaminating the areas around the Fukushima plant, including removing radiated topsoil, buildings and trees, will cost at least 2.5 trillion yen ($24 billion).

ASIAN BRIEFS

PH leader Duterte says he wants foreign troops out

TOKYO (AP)—Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has reiterated his wish for his country to be free of foreign military troops. Duterte told an audience in Tokyo on Wednesday that he wants foreign troops out of his country, possibly within the next two years. He also said he is pursuing an independent foreign policy. He was referring to visiting U.S. troops, who presence in five Philippine military camps was established under a security deal signed during Duterte's predecessor as a counterbalance to China's military assertiveness. But Duterte has cozied up to Beijing while criticizing U.S. foreign policy. The Philippine leader is on a three-day visit to Japan. He is meeting Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe later Wednesday before attending a banquet hosted by Abe.

Top Vatican cardinal questioned over sex abuse allegations

SYDNEY (AP)—Australian police have flown to Rome to interview a top Vatican cardinal about allegations of sexual assault dating back decades. Cardinal George Pell, Pope Francis' top financial adviser, has long been dogged by allegations of mishandling cases of clergy abuse when he was archbishop of Melbourne and later Sydney. In recent months, Pell has faced accusations of child abuse himself when he was a young priest in the 1970s. Police in Australia's Victoria state on Wednesday confirmed they flew to Rome last week to interview Pell. Police say Pell voluntarily participated in the interview and that investigations are continuing. The allegations involve two men who say Pell touched them inappropriately at a swimming pool in the late 1970s. Pell has repeatedly denied the allegations.

3 Vietnamese sailors freed by Somali pirates return home

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—Three Vietnamese sailors who were held hostage by Somali pirates for more than four years returned home Tuesday, with one father expressing happiness at seeing a son he hadn't heard from in three years. They were among 26 Asian sailors who were released Saturday after being held since their fishing vessel was seized in March 2012. The sailors appeared in good health when they emerged from a flight from Nairobi, Kenya, to Noi Bai Airport in Hanoi on Tuesday and were greeted by relatives before having their health checked at a hospital. Phan Xuan Linh, father of sailor Phan Xuan Phuong, said his son only called the family three times in the first year asking for help and then did not have any contact with him. "(We were) worried, but did not know what to do," Linh told the Associated Press while waiting for his son's return. "They were pirates, they were lawless and we just prayed for him and did not know who to call for help, because the pirates are similar to terrorists. We had faint hope that my son would return home. Today we are very happy."

World

Venezuela braces for anti-government protests amid crisis

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Venezuela's standoff deepened after congress voted to open a political trial against President Nicolas Maduro for breaking the constitutional order and opposition leaders called for mass protests on Wednesday to drive the unpopular socialist leader from office.

Tuesday's vote by the opposition-led legislature is unlikely to have any legal effect as Maduro still controls other branches of government, including the military and Supreme Court, which has already declared the National Assembly illegitimate. But it raised tensions even further following last week's suspension of an opposition push to hold a referendum to try to recall Maduro.

Opposition legislators argued that Venezuela's leader has effectively abandoned the presidency by neglecting his job and several lawmakers questioned whether he was a dual Colombian national and therefore ineligible to hold Venezuela's highest office. It's an old, unproven claim widely seen as a stretch but one that analysts say is a reaction to the government's own trampling of the constitution in scrapping the recall that offered the best hope of peacefully resolving Venezuela's political and economic crisis.

"If Maduro has dual nationality, he has no constitutional right to govern Venezuela," said Juan Miguel Matheus, an opposition lawmaker.

Unlike other countries in Latin America such as Brazil, where Dilma Rousseff was removed from the presidency in August, Venezuela's National Assembly can't impeach the president. That decision lies squarely with the Supreme Court, which has never voted against Maduro.

Maduro, speaking at a rally Tuesday, accused opposition lawmakers of behaving like members of a "circus" and trying to carry out a "parliamentary coup."

AP

Supporters of Venezuela's president Nicolas Maduro show their support during a political rally against Congress in Caracas, Venezuela, Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016.

"The National Assembly has been transformed into a bastion of evil and bitterness, it is useless to the interests of our country and our people," he told thousands of mostly state workers outside the presidential palace upon arriving from a six-day tour of the Middle East and Europe. "It has a single goal: to damage Venezuela."

Maduro's opponents are gearing up for a mass demonstration Wednesday that's been billed the "Taking of Venezuela."

In western Venezuela, students clashed with security forces for a second day on Tuesday. In the Andean town of Merida, police used tear gas to squash a small group of protesters that had blocked a major road, injuring eight people, according to reports on social media.

Even as tempers flare, the government and opposition have agreed to embark on an attempt at dialogue to defuse the crisis.

The talks, being sponsored by the Vatican and other South American governments, are set to begin Oct. 30 in the Caribbean island of Margarita. Maduro, who met with Pope Francis privately at the Vatican on Monday, said he will travel to Margarita to personally launch the talks.

But having gone down this road before during previous crisis, the opposition has scant hope for a breakthrough. Although Venezuelans overwhelmingly blame Maduro for food lines and triple-digit inflation the ruling party is in firm control of institutions like the military and has shown no interest in yielding to the opposition.

Expert calls UN response to cholera in Haiti 'a disgrace'

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—A U.N. human rights expert strongly criticized the United Nations on Tuesday for denying legal responsibility for the 2010 cholera outbreak in Haiti caused by U.N. peacekeepers, calling it "a disgrace" and urging the world body to issue an apology and accept responsibility.

Philip Alston said in a report submitted to the U.N. General Assembly that "deeply flawed" and unfounded legal advice provided by U.N. lawyers is preventing the organization from accepting responsibility for the outbreak, which has sickened nearly 800,000 Haitians and killed some 9,300.

He said the U.N.'s existing legal approach "of simply abdicating responsibility is morally unconscionable, legally indefensible and politically self-defeating."

Alston said the good news is that under Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's "courageous leadership" a trust fund aimed at raising at least $400 million to eradicate cholera and help victims has been set up. He urged all countries to contribute generously.

"The bad news is that the U.N. has still not admitted factual or legal responsibility, and has not offered a legal settlement as required by international law," he said.

"The U.N.'s explicit and unqualified denial of anything other than a moral responsibility is a disgrace," Alston said. "If the United Nations bluntly refuses to hold itself accountable for human rights violations, it makes a mockery of its efforts to hold governments and others to account."

Australian-born Alston, a law professor at New York University, is the U.N.'s independent expert on extreme poverty and human rights, appointed by the Geneva-based Human Rights Council. He presented his report to the General Assembly's human rights committee Tuesday.

Haiti's Minister-Counselor Patrick Saint-Hiliaire thanked Alston "for his courage," saying "this report gives hope." He stressed that "truth and responsibility can only elevate the position of the United Nations," and urged the U.N. to demonstrate "political will" by mobilizing the resources for compensation.

Researchers say cholera was first detected in Haiti's central Artibonite Valley and cite evidence that it was introduced to the country's biggest river from a U.N. base where Nepalese troops were deployed as part of a peacekeeping operation which has been in the country since 2004. Cholera is endemic in Nepal.

Iraq battles IS in western town, far from Mosul

BAGHDAD (AP)—Iraqi forces battled Islamic State fighters for a third day in a remote western town far from Mosul on Tuesday, but the U.S.-led coalition insisted the latest in a series of "spoiler attacks" had not forced it to divert resources from the fight to retake Iraq's second-largest city.

Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi acknowledged that the militants briefly seized the local government headquarters in the western town of Rutba, offering new details about the assault, which U.S. and Iraqi officials have sought to downplay since it began on Sunday.

The White House envoy to the U.S.-led coalition battling IS insisted the militants' strategy was failing, saying there had been "no diversion whatsoever" of forces taking part in the Mosul operation, which is expected to take weeks, if not months.

"Daesh is trying to launch spoiler attacks," Brett McGurk told reporters at a Baghdad news conference, using the Arabic acronym for IS. "This was expected, it's planned for, and we can expect more of it."

The complex assault on Rutba, located hundreds of miles (kilometers) south of Mosul, is just the latest IS attempt to try to divert Iraqi military resources from the fight for the militants' last major urban bastion in Iraq. Last week the group launched a similar attack in and around the northern city of Kirkuk, some 100 miles (170 kilometers) southeast of Mosul, igniting gun battles that lasted two days and killed at least 80 people.

McGurk said the militant attacks on Rutba were carried out by "small, isolated teams" and were "easily defeatable." But he acknowledged there was still a "small Daesh presence" in two neighborhoods.

The Iraqi military has insisted throughout the Rutba assault that the situation is under control, without offering further details.

Al-Abadi acknowledged Tuesday the militants did have some initial battlefield successes at the start of the offensive Sunday. "They took control, it's true, of the municipal headquarters," the Iraqi prime minister told reporters. But he said Iraqi security forces drove them out "within hours" and had regained control of the town.

Ontario nurse charged in deaths of 8 nursing home residents

TORONTO (AP)—A nurse has been charged with the murders of eight elderly people under her care at nursing homes in southwestern Ontario over a seven-year period, police said Tuesday.

Woodstock Police Chief William Renton said Elizabeth Tracey Mae Wettlaufer, 49, was charged with first-degree murder in the killings that took place between 2007 and 2014.

"The victims were administered a drug. We're not in a position at this time to comment further on the specifics of the drug as it forms part of the evidence that is now before the courts," Ontario Provincial Police detective Dave Truax said.

Truax would only say that a number of drugs were stored and accessible in the nursing homes where the suspect worked.

Police said they were first alerted to the deaths on Sept. 29 and arrested Wettlaufer on Monday. They said she appeared in court Tuesday morning and was remanded into custody until Nov. 2.

A lawyer for Wettlaufer could not immediately be reached.

The investigation is ongoing and officials said more charges could be brought in the future. Police would not speak to a possible motive.

"This is an extremely distressing and tragic ... thing for all of the families involved," said Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne. "... The police have made it clear there's no threat to safety and we now need to let the police do their job."

Wettlaufer, of Woodstock, was employed by Caressant Care Nursing and Retirement Homes, which operates 15 facilities in small Ontario towns.

Police said seven of the victims died at a Caressant nursing home in Woodstock, a community of 37,000 people about halfway between London and Hamilton, Ontario.

The victims were identified as James Silcox, 84; Maurice Granat, 84; Gladys Millard, 87; Helen Matheson, 95; Mary Zurawinski, 96; Helen Young, 90; Maureen Pickering, 79, and Arpad Horvath, 75.

Wettlaufer was also employed at the Meadow Park facility in London, where Horvath died.

His daughter, Susan Horvath, said she felt something was amiss before her father died.

"I'd seen my dad and the condition he was in and he had a lot of fear ... and just things about him and everything I noticed on his body and stuff, I just had a feeling and I told mom," Horvath told radio station AM980 in London, Ontario, on Tuesday. "And then when he passed on—and how he passed on—that's when I knew: This is not right."

Daniel Silcox, of Pontypool Ontario, said he found out about his father being among the alleged victims while listening to the radio Tuesday morning.

Environment

Species may be listed as threatened based on climate change projections, court says

By MAURA DOLAN
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AP
An unnamed newborn eastern black walks behind it's mother, Ayana, Monday Oct. 17, 2016, at the Blank Park Zoo in Des Moines, Iowa.

Federal authorities may list a species as "threatened" based on climate models that show habitat loss in the coming decades, an appeals court decided Monday.

The state of Alaska, oil company groups and Alaskan natives had challenged a decision by the federal government to list a sea ice seal subspecies as threatened and deserving of protection.

The challengers maintained the subspecies' population was currently healthy and the climate projections were speculative.

A three-judge panel of the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals disagreed. The ruling would allow government protection of all sorts of wildlife likely to be affected by climate change in the decades ahead.

The panel decided unanimously that the National Marine Fisheries Services reasonably determined that loss of Arctic sea ice over shallow waters would "almost certainly" threaten the survival of a Pacific bearded seal subspecies by the end of the century.

"The service need not wait until a species' habitat is destroyed to determine that habitat loss may facilitate extinction," Judge Richard A. Paez, a Clinton appointee, wrote for the court.

The bearded seals are among several species, including the polar bear, that the government has classified as threatened because of climate change.

A lawyer for an environmental group that sought the listing said the 9th Circuit decision was particularly significant because it allowed for protection of a species based on models of conditions at the end of the century.

"This legal victory is likely to have major implications for many other climate-threatened species," said Kristen Monsell, a staff attorney for the Center for Biological Diversity, which sought the listing.

The state and the oil and gas industry opposed the listing because it could interfere with offshore drilling.

Before issuing a permit to drill, the federal government would have to determine whether the activity would affect the bearded seal. If so, the company's exploration could be restricted.

A lawyer for the state of Alaska said the ruling may be appealed.

"If this opinion stands, the National Marine Fisheries Service would list a species that is abundant and in good health based on the claim that climate change will impact habitat over the next 100 years and may cause harm," said Brad Meyen, senior assistant attorney general for Alaska.

A lawyer for the oil and gas industry could not be reached for comment.

The bearded seals congregate on ice floes over shallow waters, where they give birth to pups and nurse. The floes give the nursing mothers close access to food sources — organisms on the ocean floor — and enable the pubs to learn to dive, swim and hunt away from their predators, the court said.

Climate models show that the ice floes would disappear during breeding times, and mother seals would have to nurse their young on shore, where they would be vulnerable to predators such as polar bears and walruses.

A lack of ice floes in shallow waters also would force the seals to forage in the deeper ocean, which contains fewer of the organisms they depend on for survival, the government found.

One peer reviewer said the 80-year prediction was more likely than not to "greatly" underestimate the impact of climate change on the seals.

"All parties agree that there will be sea ice melt," the court said. "The only uncertainty is the magnitude of warming, the speed with which warming will take place, and the severity of its effect."

Although climate projections for 2050 through 2100 may be volatile, they remain valuable in the government rule-making process, the court found.

The Endangered Species Act does not say a species can be listed "only if the underlying research is ironclad and absolute," Paez wrote.

"It simply requires the agency to consider the best and most reliable scientific and commercial data and to identify the limits of that data when making a listing determination," the court concluded.

Hydrofluorocarbons being phased out as a culprit in global warming

By WILLIAM YARDLEY
LOS ANGELES TIMES

KIGALI, Rwanda — First they were a solution. Then they were a problem. Now they are being phased out.

Hydrofluorocarbons seemed like a straightforward remedy to a pressing environmental crisis of the 1980s: the depletion of the ozone layer caused by a worldwide rise in emissions of chemicals used in air conditioning and refrigeration.

Because the new compounds could do everything the old ones did — but without damaging the ozone — global policymakers turned to them as the perfect substitute. The swap was formalized in the 1987 Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

In time, the protocol would be viewed as one of the most effective international environmental agreements in history. But the new chemicals were far from perfect.

The ozone layer, which protects against the sun's harmful rays, has recovered dramatically. But climate change is much worse, and hydrofluorocarbons, or HFCs, are partly to blame.

"HFCs may be safer for the ozone, but they are exceptionally potent drivers of climate change itself," Secretary of State John F. Kerry, who helped the protocol pass in the Senate three decades ago, said recently.

And so the policymakers went back to work.

On Saturday, at a meeting in Kigali, Rwanda, leaders from nearly 200 nations reached what they hope will be another historic agreement — a global pact to dramatically reduce emissions of HFCs. Experts say that if the reductions are implemented, global temperatures at the end of this century could by cooler by nearly half a degree Celsius.

That would make the agreement, known as the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, the single most effective contributor to reaching goals described in the landmark Paris climate accord that takes legal force next month.

The Paris accord aims to limit temperature increases to less than 2 degrees and preferably less than 1.5 degrees, but it does not include enforceable emissions-reductions goals to get there. In contrast, the Kigali Amendment is legally binding.

"This is about much more than the ozone layer and HFCs," Erik Solheim, the head of environmental programs for the United Nations, said Saturday. "It is a clear statement by all world leaders that the green transformation started in Paris is irreversible and unstoppable. It shows the best investments are those in clean, efficient technologies."

HFCs are far more potent than carbon dioxide, the most important cause of global warming. They are also the world's fastest-growing greenhouse gases, with emission increasing by about 10 percent each year, according to the United Nations.

That increase is driven in large part by a rapid rise in the use of air conditioning and refrigeration in developing countries, particularly India, where a growing economy has lifted standards of living for tens of millions of people but also led to increases in the emissions that cause climate change.

Negotiating the amendment took seven years. Many small island states and African nations that are experiencing the acute effects of climate change pushed for early deadlines to halt the use of HFCs. But that pressure met resistance from other developing countries.

The amendment ultimately became a compromise that puts different countries on different timetables.

The United States and other developed nations will begin to phase out HFCs in 2019. More than 100 developing countries, including China and Brazil, will begin to reduce their emissions in 2024. A few, including India, Pakistan and those in the Persian Gulf, will not start until 2028.

Each country starts with its own baseline for HFC emissions, and by 2040 every nation is expected to achieve at least an 80 percent reduction. The World Resources Institute, a nonprofit environmental group in Washington, estimated that the agreement will cut concentrations of HFCs in the atmosphere by 80 percent to 85 percent by 2047.

The United States and some other countries have already begun shifting to alternatives to HFCs. The Obama administration has encouraged the military and other government departments to purchase equipment that relies on alternatives when feasible. On Saturday, the administration promoted private businesses that have developed alternatives.

Nations will meet next year to discuss details for funding the transition. The agreement requires developed nations to pay more than developing ones to help all countries shift to new technologies that provide more energy-efficient cooling without using hydrofluorocarbons.

"To aid the switch to newer and safer natural refrigerants, sufficient funding will be required through the Montreal Protocol's Multilateral Fund to enable poorer countries to invest in the new technology," Benson Ireri, a senior policy advisor for Christian Aid, said in a statement Saturday. "It is vital that developed countries also share their progress on technological breakthroughs."

Life & Style

A stripped, emotional Lady Gaga comes to life on 'Joanne'

NEW YORK (AP)—It's 1:30 a.m. and Lady Gaga is on the brink of tears.

The pop star's new album has been out for 90 minutes and she just celebrated by wrapping up two performances: first inside the New York City bar she used to sing as an unsigned teenager, and then on top of the venue for all of her feverish fans screaming loudly outside.

A lot has happened to get to this moment: She dealt with the constant reminder of 2013's "ARTPOP" not matching the success of her previous albums; she parted ways with her manager; and she announced she and her fiance, actor Taylor Kinney, were taking a break.

But since "ARTPOP," she picked up her sixth Grammy for her jazz album with Tony Bennett; performed at the Oscars—twice—and earned a nomination for an original song; won a Golden Globe this year for her role in "American Horror Story"; and drew raves for her national anthem performance at this year's Super Bowl.

In this Feb. 28, 2016 file photo, Lady Gaga arrives at the Oscars in Los Angeles. Lady Gaga released her latest album, "Joanne," on Friday, Oct. 21.

Sitting inside her trailer parked outside The Bitter End, Gaga is teary-eyed as she discusses the new sound she delivers on "Joanne," a rock-pop-country adventure that's a departure from the dance-flavored electronic sound that made her a multiplatinum juggernaut.

"Yeah. I mean, I've changed a lot. I've healed a lot. I've healed a lot," she said, pausing. "Period."

"But I "—she paused again—"I feel like it would be so strange to hear my music, or hear anyone's music really, and not hear the change. I change a lot and that's just who I am. And I'm just going to keep (expletive) being that way, you know.

"The happiest that I am is when I'm just really truly being myself and I've always said that to my fans and guess what, they help me make that real," she said.

"Joanne," released Friday, embarks on new territory as Gaga's voice takes the center stage. "There's no Auto-Tune on any of my vocals. Not one," she said.

She started writing new material two years ago, and then at this year's Super Bowl she gave Mark Ronson a demo of some songs (he performed "Uptown Funk" there with Bruno Mars).

'The Walking Dead' has a smashing return

NEW YORK (AP)—It's hard to miss the message from the season premiere of "The Walking Dead": blood pays off.

The gory episode of the popular AMC drama was seen by just over 17 million viewers on Sunday night, the Nielsen company said. That left it short of the 2014 season premiere of 17.3 million for most-watched episode of the series ever, but AMC believes that when additional digital and delayed viewing is added in, this season's opener will be the all-time champ.

When last season's opener drew 14.6 million people, there were whispers that "The Walking Dead" was fading in appeal. But a good, old-fashioned cliffhanger—who did Negan kill?—paid off handsomely in interest.

Among the 18-to-49-year-old audience that advertisers love, "The Walking Dead" reached 10.7 million people. Prior to Sunday night, the season's most-watched scripted show among that youthful demographic was the 6.5 million who saw the season premiere of "The Big Bang Theory."

Even for a zombie apocalypse program not known for its gentility, Sunday's episode stood out for blood 'n' guts. Avert your eyes, those who haven't seen it and don't want their anticipation spoiled: Negan bludgeons Abraham and Glenn with a spiked baseball bat.

Come to think of it, you might want to avert your eyes anyway.

The episode "was one of the most graphically violent shows we've seen on television, comparable to the most violent of programs found on premium cable networks," said Tim Winter, president of the Parents Television Council.

AMC's postgame show, "Talking Dead," had its biggest-ever audience among people wanting to dissect the opener.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Japan princess misses school for a month for health reasons

TOKYO (AP) — A granddaughter of Japan's Emperor Akihito is not feeling well and has missed school for a month. Palace officials said Wednesday the 14-year-old Princess Aiko has been staying home since Sept. 26, after complaining of stomach problems and dizziness attributed to fatigue from studying for exams and practicing for an athletic event at her junior high school. Aiko is the only child of Crown Prince Naruhito, next in line to the Chrysanthemum Throne, and his wife Masako, who has been suffering from a stress-related mental condition for more than 10 years. Officials say Nobutake Odano, the grand master at Naruhito's palace, told reporters Tuesday that Aiko is recovering but needs more time before returning to school. A palace hospital health check earlier this month found no major problem. A Harvard graduate and former diplomat, Masako has had stress-related conditions since soon after giving birth to Aiko, following criticism for not producing a boy.

Man arrested outside Miranda Kerr's home charged with mayhem

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles prosecutors have charged an Australian man in an attack on a security guard outside supermodel Miranda Kerr's home earlier this month. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office says 29-year-old Shaun Anthony Haywood was charged with attempted murder, aggravated mayhem and assault with a deadly weapon on Tuesday. Haywood is accused of entering Kerr's property in Malibu on Oct. 14 and slashing a guard's face with his own knife. The guard shot Haywood three times during the confrontation. The Brisbane native, who faces up to life in prison if convicted, is scheduled to appear in court Tuesday afternoon. Efforts to find a lawyer for Haywood were unsuccessful. Kerr, an Australian, rose to fame as a model for Victoria's Secret and was married to actor Orlando Bloom.

Colson Whitehead novel a Carnegie medal finalist

NEW YORK (AP)—Colson Whitehead's novel, "The Underground Railroad," is up for another literary award, this one presented by the American Library Association. Whitehead's historical saga about an escaped slave, already a contender for the National Book Award and the Kirkus Prize, is one of three finalists for the $5,000 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence. The other fiction nominees are Michael Chabon's "Moonglow" and Zadie Smith's "Swing Time." Finalists for the nonfiction prize, also worth $5,000, are Patricia Bell-Scott's "The Firebrand and the First Lady," Patrick Phillips' "Blood at the Root: A Racial Cleansing in America" and Matthew Desmond's "Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City." Winners will be announced Jan. 22 at the association's midwinter meeting in Atlanta.

Learning disability could be root of dropout's problem

DEAR ABBY: I'm 18 and a freshman in college. My 16-year-old brother is supposed to be a junior in high school, but he's still taking freshman classes. He has gone to school maybe twice this year. He just gave up and dropped out.

All he does is stay home, sleep and text all day. It makes me angry because I don't work right now, but I clean, cook, do laundry and take care of my younger siblings while he does absolutely nothing.

Mom has given up on him. She begs him to go to school and get an education, but he yells at her and tells her he doesn't care and he'll just become a hobo. I don't know what to say to him to get it through his head that he needs to finish high school. What would you do?

BIG SISTER IN NEW YORK

DEAR BIG SISTER: If your brother is a junior and still taking freshman classes, he belongs back in school. He may be lazy, but he may also have learning disabilities. If he doesn't get the help he needs to earn a diploma, he'll be virtually unemployable by the time he's 18. Your mother should visit his school and talk to his teachers and the principal about this. As it stands, your brother may be considered "truant," which is against the law.

DEAR ABBY: I am 47 years old and date younger, usually very attractive women. I live in New York City, so they tend to be models. I haven't been married because I feel like I haven't met "the one." I have been with one or two women who could have been the one, only to find out my feelings weren't reciprocated. But more often I don't feel an emotional/intellectual connection, so I end the relationship.

While I might be able to resolve that issue by dating women in their late 30s and 40s, I'm more physically attracted to younger women. Because I don't look my age, I have yet to reach the point where I look "too old" for women in their 20s to be attracted.

Do I continue to follow my male instincts and date younger women, or should I date women closer to my age to whom I may not be as physically attracted, knowing there's still no guarantee I'll meet someone with whom I'll find a stronger connection?

LIKES 'EM YOUNGER

DEAR LIKES: Forgive me for answering your question with a question, but what do you really want in a relationship? The problem with youth is that it doesn't last. As the years go by, we get older -- if we're lucky. That's why it's time to start listing your priorities, with the help of a licensed mental health professional, if necessary. (There are many well-qualified ones in your city.) I urge you to do it soon, before you start looking like your date's rich uncle. While marriage may not be for everyone, it's a known fact that married men live longer.

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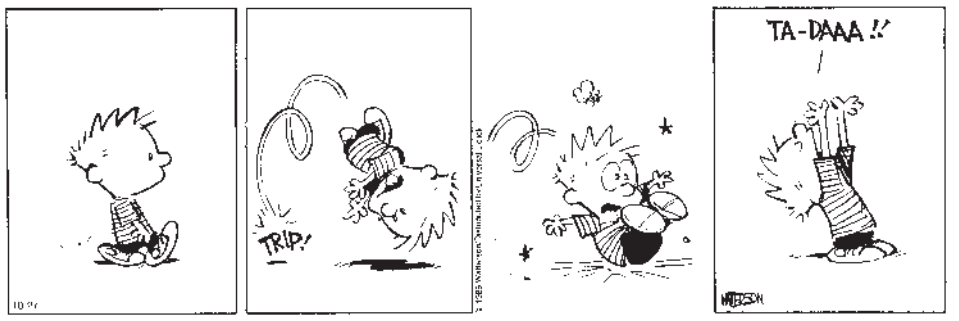

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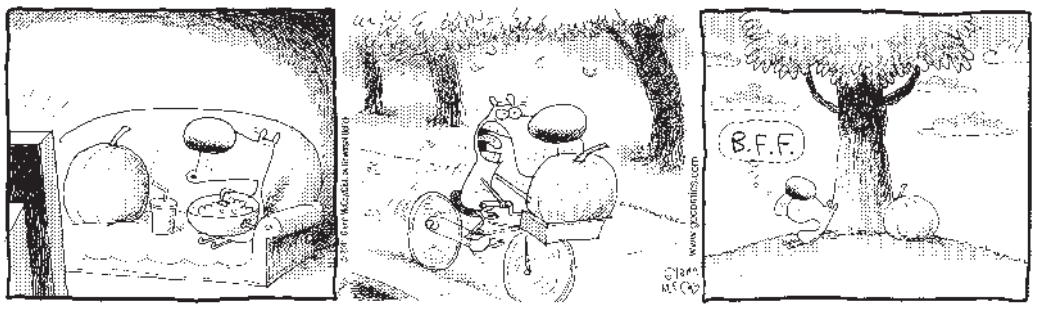
By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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16 Still, in verse
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18 Carousel figures
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22 QB's goals
23 Mel of Cooperstown
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27 "Get rid of junk" event
32 100%
33 Kimono closer
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40 Hot tub
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45 Nonprofessional
49 "Topaz" author
50 Bird (Pref.)
52 Curse
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54 Diarist Anaïs
55 Watchful one
56 Logical
57 Small barrel
58 Columnist Maureen

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5 "Gesundheit!"
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8 Beginnings
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21 Group of seals
24 Sheepish remark
25 Unwell
26 Alaskan islander
28 Sit-up targets
29 German wine
30 Felon's flight
31 Green prefix
36 Pester
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38 Convertible couch
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42 Periodontist's concern
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44 Tug
46 BLT spread
47 From the start
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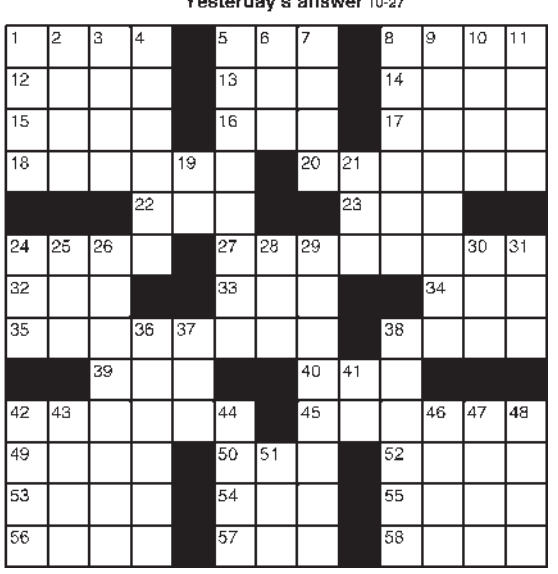
Yesterday's answer 10-27



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kelly Osbourne, 32; Patrick Fugit, 34; Peter Firth, 63; John Cleese, 77.

Happy Birthday: Appeal to others for help and support this year. Don't feel like you have to do everything on your own. There is safety in numbers, and much can be accomplished if you share your thoughts and plans and delegate jobs to those willing to pitch in and help. You will discover a lot about yourself and the people you can count on. Your numbers are 4, 16, 24, 28, 31, 38, 45.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Review contracts and legal documents and you'll come up with a solution to resolve any uncertainties or imperfections that exist. Update your look, image or financial plans, and you will feel good about moving forward. Love is encouraged. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Listen and take notes, but don't let your emotions take over. If you overreact, you will take a step back instead of moving closer to your goal. Your intuition will be spot on, but diplomacy will still be necessary. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Check out a film you want to see or a book you want to read. Exercise your right to make the changes that will improve your personal life. Make romance a priority or plan to enjoy time spent with those you love. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Too much of anything will set you back. Emotions will surface when dealing with relationships and domestic matters. Be willing to compromise in order to keep the peace. Your insight will help you do what's best for everyone. ✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Do whatever it takes to add to your credentials, appearance or improved health. Take a moment to think before you get into a discussion with someone you live with. Have alternatives in mind before you initiate any banter. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You'll have additional responsibilities at home due to a partner who is not pulling his or her weight. Step up your game, but make it clear that you will also need some downtime to rejuvenate. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Overeating and overspending are not going to make you feel better. Self-improvement projects will not only lift your spirits, they will prompt you to engage in professional events that will help you get ahead in life. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Your involvement in organizations that have similar professional interests will lead to an interesting encounter and a chance to discuss future projects. Express your interest and explain the contributions you can offer. A business trip will be worthwhile. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You'll move two steps forward and three steps back if you aren't aware of what's going on around you. A steady pace and finishing what you start will help smooth over any rough patches you face in your professional partnerships. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): You need to make a change, but not one that will turn into a costly venture. Try something new or rediscover a hobby that you used to enjoy. Looking back will help you move forward. A job prospect looks promising. ✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Put love, romance and important partnerships ahead of everything else for now. You can make physical changes that will make you feel good and help you present what you have to offer with confidence. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Take advantage of a moneymaking opportunity. Elaborate what you have to offer and what you expect in return. Your negotiating skills will help you develop a good working relationship with the people you do business with. ✪✪✪

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/27

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

RAILROAD TRESTLES Solution: 7 letters

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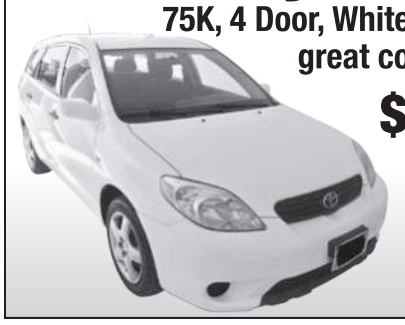

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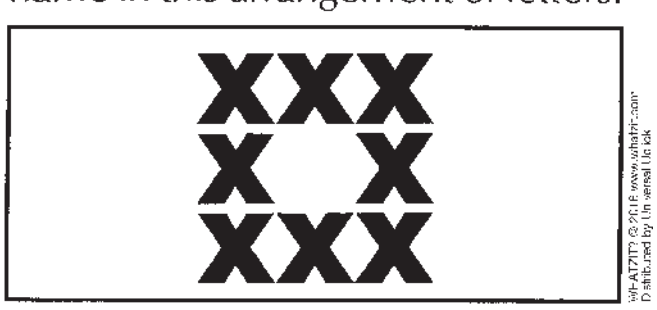

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Kluber, Perez, Indians beat Cubs 6-0 in opener

AP
Cleveland Indians' Roberto Perez celebrates with teammates after hitting a three-run home run during the eighth inning of Game 1 of the Major League Baseball World Series against the Chicago Cubs Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016, in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND (AP)—Corey Kluber and the Cleveland Indians are off to a pitch-perfect start in the World Series.

The Chicago Cubs, meanwhile, fell completely flat in their first appearance since 1945.

Kluber dominated into the seventh inning, Roberto Perez had four RBIs with a pair of home runs and the Indians beat the Cubs 6-0 in Tuesday night's opener of a highly anticipated matchup between the teams with baseball's longest championship droughts.

"It's almost like you have that extra level of intensity," said Kluber, who became the first Series pitcher to strike out eight batters in the first three innings.

AL Championship Series MVP Andrew Miller escaped a bases-loaded, no-out jam in the seventh and stranded runners at the corners the eighth, preserving a three-run lead and delighting the sellout crowd of 38,091 in Cleveland's first-ever Series home opener.

"The atmosphere in the World Series is so great," Miller said. "You can't help but get caught up in it and enjoy it."

The Indians pitched their fourth shutout in nine games this postseason. After stifling two dangerous lineups in Boston and Toronto during the AL playoffs, Cleveland shut down a hard-hitting Cubs team that scored 23 runs against the Dodgers in the final three games of the NLCS.

Back in the Series for the first time since 1997, the Indians scored twice in the first off October ace Jon Lester.

Perez hit a fourth-inning solo shot and added a three-run drive in the eighth against Hector Rondon, becoming the first Cleveland player and the only No. 9 batter to homer twice in a Series game.

"Oh, I don't think I've ever had a night like that," Perez said.

He has three home runs in 27 at-bats during the postseason after hitting three in 153 during the regular season.

"I've come a long ways," Perez said,

Francisco Lindor added three hits as the Indians improved to 8-1 this postseason. Cleveland manager Terry Francona is 9-0 in the Series, including sweeps by his Boston teams in 2004 and '07.

The Game 1 winner has taken the title in the last six Series and 17 of 19.

"I have no concerns," Cubs manager Joe Maddon said. "It's the first game. I'm fine. We're fine."

Trevor Bauer, trying to come back from a sliced pinkie caused by a freak drone accident, starts Game 2 for the Indians on Wednesday night against Jake Arrieta. Because the forecast called for an increased chance of rain later in the evening, Major League Baseball took the extraordinary step of moving up the first pitch by an hour to 7:08 p.m.

Kluber painted the corners, and 24 of his 59 strikes were called by plate umpire Larry Vanover. Twelve batters were caught looking, including seven Cubs.

"I think his ball was moving too much today," said Perez, Cleveland's catcher. "We got guys off balance the whole night."

Kluber combined with Miller and Cody Allen to fan 15—two shy of the Series record for a nine-inning game—and Chicago went 2 for 15 with 10 strikeouts with runners on base.

With the Indians hoping for their first title since 1948 and the Cubs seeking their first since 1908, Lester stumbled in the opening inning.

He entered 3-0 with a 0.43 ERA in three Series starts and got his first two outs on five pitches before Cleveland loaded the bases with two outs. Jose Ramirez had a run-scoring swinging bunt single and Brandon Guyer was hit by a pitch—he led the majors with 31 during the regular season.

"There is an importance on small ball, but you can't try to hit a swinging bunt. That's a little bit of good fortune," Francona said. "Then Guyer got hit, which he is really good at."

Perez connected in the fourth for a 3-0 lead.

"When you're going against a guy like Kluber who's locked in from pitch one, to give up two in the first, that makes it tough," Lester said.

Teams that combined for 174 seasons of futility, America's biggest droughts since the Great Plains' Dust Bowl of the 1930s, captivated even many non-baseball fans.

On a night of civic pride, LeBron James and the NBA's Cavaliers received their championship rings next door prior to their season opener, and Cleveland hosted a World Series opener for the first time.

The Cubs had not played in the Series since five weeks after Japan signed the Instrument of Surrender ending World War II.

Kluber, whose win in the All-Star Game gave the AL home-field advantage in the Series, improved to 3-1 in the postseason and lowered his ERA to a sparkling 0.74.

He was pitching on six days' rest, and his two-seam fastball darted through the strike zone. Kluber struck out nine in six innings and walked none.

Kyle Schwarber, making a surprise return in his first big league game since tearing knee ligaments on April 7, doubled off the right-field wall in the fourth—a drive kept in by a stiff wind on a 50-degree night. Kluber then got Javier Baez to fly out.

Zobrist's leadoff double in the seventh finished Kluber, and Cleveland loaded the bases with no outs against Miller on Schwarber's walk and Baez's single. Pinch-hitter Willson Contreras flied to Rajai Davis in short center, and Davis threw home rather than double up Schwarber, who had strayed far off second.

Using his intimidating slider, Miller struck out Addison Russell and David Ross to escape the jam, stranded runners at the corners in the eighth by fanning Schwarber with his 46th pitch, his most in five years. Miller has thrown 20 scoreless innings in postseason play, including 13 2/3 innings with 24 strikeouts this year.

Allen worked the ninth to close it out.

Ramirez also had three hits each for the Indians, who beat Toronto in the ALCS despite hitting just .168. Zobrist had three hit for the Cubs.

Lester gave up three runs, six hits and three walks in 5 2/3 innings. He was rattled by Vanover's calls, barking at the umpire in the third, then stopping for a discussion at the inning's end.

"I'm confident. I know our guys are, too," Schwarber said. "We put up good at-bats against those guys today. We just didn't come up with a knock when we needed to."

Lester falters as Cubs lose to Indians 6-0 in series opener

CLEVELAND (AP)—The Chicago Cubs lavished Jon Lester with a $155 million contract in the winter of 2014 precisely for moments like the one he faced Tuesday night.

On the road. Under the lights. In Game 1 of the World Series, with a chance to take a big step toward ending 108 years of franchise futility.

And for the first time on baseball's biggest stage, Lester faltered. While his performance in Chicago's 6-0 loss to the Indians was hardly a meltdown, the left-hander managed just 5 2/3 ordinary innings when something significantly more was required to keep up with Cleveland ace Corey Kluber.

"Jonny pitched—wasn't on top of his game, but really gave us a chance to win," Cubs manager Joe Maddon said.

The Indians didn't so much knock Lester around while sending him to his first World Series setback in four starts so much as they took advantage of the limited opportunities he gave them during a shaky first inning. Cleveland opened a two-run lead that felt considerably larger the way Kluber was dealing.

"When you're going against a guy like Kluber who's locked in from pitch one, to give up two in the first, it's tough," Lester said.

Lester took the mound having allowed just one run in 21 innings in the World Series during a career that includes a pair of championship rings he earned with the Boston Red Sox. By the time he got the final out of the first, Cleveland had doubled that total.

Things began innocently enough. He struck out Rajai Davis and Jason Kipnis before Lester's postseason dominance briefly vanished.

Francisco Lindor singled and took a massive lead off first, knowing all about Lester's inability to hold runners due to a tic that prevents him from making pickoff attempts with any kind of consistency or accuracy. At one point, Lester stepped off and Lindor found himself a good 25 feet off the bag. Yet rather than throw over, Lester stood and watched as Lindor scampered back to safety.

It was hardly the first time opposing runners have toyed with Lester. Yet it seemed to be one of the rare occasions when it rattled him. He had trouble working out of the stretch and walked Mike Napoli and Carlos Santana to load the bases. Jose Ramirez's swinging bunt then brought Lindor home to stoke an already electrified crowd. When a 1-1 pitch hit Brandon Guyer on the leg, Chicago trailed 2-0.

"The first inning was tonight's game," Lester said.

Though he settled down—thanks in part to catcher David Ross throwing out Lindor trying to steal in the third—Lester again ran into trouble in the fourth when No. 9 batter Roberto Perez lined a solo shot that clanged off the railing above the wall in left field for the first of his two home runs.

Yet it's not the home run but the walks that are going to stick with Lester regardless of how comfortable—or uncomfortable—he felt when pitching with runners on base.

"I just didn't execute some things out there tonight," he said. "Maybe if they get out of the first with nothing, maybe things are different."

Lester, who came in 2-0 with a 0.86 ERA during the 2016 playoffs, handed the ball to manager Joe Maddon with two outs in the sixth and trudged to the dugout after giving up three runs on six hits with three walks and seven strikeouts.

And when Perez clocked a three-run shot off reliever Hector Rondon in the eighth, the Cubs found themselves turning to Jake Arrieta for Game 2 on Wednesday night hoping to avoid heading back to Wrigley Field down 2-0 following a rare stumble by their ace who typically oozes October cool.

"Tomorrow we can get right back in it," Lester said. "Everybody counted us out after Game 3 (of the NLCS) and called us the worst best team in baseball. ... I'll look to Jake to pick us up."

Leonard, Spurs spoil Durant's Warriors debut with blowout

AP
San Antonio Spurs' Kawhi Leonard, right, shoots over Golden State Warriors' Klay Thompson during the second half of an NBA basketball game Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016, in Oakland, Calif.

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Kawhi Leonard and the San Antonio Spurs put on such a basketball show they sent the loyal Golden State fans to a rare early exit. What a strange sight at Oracle Arena for opening night and Kevin Durant's long-awaited Warriors debut.

Leonard scored a career-high 35 points and the Spurs emphatically spoiled KD's first game for Golden State in a 129-100 rout Tuesday that the Warriors could hardly believe had just happened.

"We got punched in the mouth," Draymond Green said. "I don't know if it was quite a bad thing for us."

Durant had 27 points and 10 rebounds, but little looked in sync for MVP Stephen Curry and the reigning Western Conference champions in a forgettable first game—and quite a different one after the Warriors dominated at home and came out of the blocks last season with a record 24-0 start.

Leonard scored 31 points by the end of the third, LaMarcus Aldridge added 26 points and 14 rebounds and Gregg Popovich thoroughly outdid a couple of his close friends on the opposite bench in reigning NBA Coach of the Year Steve Kerr and top assistant Mike Brown.

Yes, San Antonio sent quite a message to the West.

"If there was an outcome I wasn't expecting, it was this one," San Antonio's Manu Ginobili said. "A 29-point lead against a team like them? I truly didn't expect it."

Curry, last season's first unanimous MVP, scored 26 points but was just 3 for 10 from 3-point range. Green had 18 points, 12 rebounds and six assists, while Klay Thompson was limited to 11 points on 5-of-13 shooting.

The star-studded Warriors were sloppy, committing 16 turnovers, and got outrebounded 55-35. They are clearly still finding themselves just as Kerr expected—though maybe not quite like this while.

"No, I didn't see losing by 29 points," Kerr said. "It's going to be an ugly tape to watch. ... I think our guys were embarrassed tonight. I know I was."

San Antonio exhibited smooth, crisp ball movement and looked polished in a game that had a playoff feel on Day 1.

Two-time Defensive Player of the Year Leonard shot 10 for 21 and made all 15 of his free throws.

Jonathon Simmons came off the bench to score a career-high 20 points, including a 3 to beat the halftime buzzer for a 64-46 advantage. His status had been in doubt for the opener because of a calf injury.

Green dunked off a pass from Curry early in the third to get Golden State within 10, only to pound his chest and yell before being hit with a technical.

The Warriors had flurries of greatness trying to get back in it. San Antonio answered each time - like when Golden State pulled within 50-42 in the second quarter before the Spurs closed the half on a 14-4 run.

"It's a nice little slap in the face," Curry said. "First game you want to come out and protect your home court and have the energy of the home opener live throughout the game. We didn't do anything to let that happen."

Durant made a 14-footer 65 seconds into the game and hit his first four shots. But he didn't have much help early.

San Antonio led 31-20 after the first, when the Warriors shot 7 for 20 with four baskets by Durant. Golden State's other players were 3 for 15, and the Warriors got outrebounded 17-9.

Durant, whose former Oklahoma City Thunder defeated the Spurs in the Western Conference semifinals, wants to make sure this result doesn't start a trend.

"What we can't do is let these games pile up," he said. "We can't panic. It's Game 1 of 82."

Cavaliers 117, Knicks 88

In Cleveland, LeBron James had his 43rd career triple-double, Kyrie Irving scored 29 points and Cleveland, after raising its championship banner before the game, beat New York in the NBA season opener.

James scored 19 points and added 11 rebounds and 14 assists in front of a raucous home crowd that was on its feet from the pregame ceremony until late in the game, celebrating the city's first championship in 52 years.

James, who spoke to the crowd before the game, continued his perfect record on ring nights. He was 2-0 when the Miami Heat players were presented with their championship rings.

Irving scored 19 points in the third quarter, when Cleveland used a 20-4 run to take a 74-53 lead. Kevin Love scored 23 for the Cavaliers.

Carmelo Anthony led New York with 19 points and Derrick Rose had 17.

Trail Blazers 113, Jazz 104

In Portland, Ore., Damian Lillard scored 39 points and Portland extended its winning streak in home openers to a league-record 16 straight games with a victory over Utah.

CJ McCollum added 25 points for the Blazers, who trailed 83-77 at the start of the fourth quarter. They were still down 102-99 with under 5 minutes left before McCollum made a pull-up jumper and 3-pointer to give Portland a 104-102 lead.

Lillard made a pair of free throws before nailing a 3-pointer that put Portland up 109-102 with 1:02 left and the Jazz couldn't catch up.

Joe Johnson scored 29 points in his debut with the Jazz and Rodney Hood added 26, including a rim-rattling dunk in the third quarter.

Best foot forward: 76ers' Embiid set for long-awaited debut

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—With a dunk contest, half court shots and "Juju on that Beat " dancing contest finished, Joel Embiid turned back toward Philadelphia 76ers fans at an open practice.

Instead of scurrying off to the locker room, Embiid stuck around for selfies with fans sitting on all sides of the court, stretching mobiles high over his 7-foot-2 frame to squeeze as many fans as he could into each snapshot .

Embiid even entertained in 1-on-1 games—against little kids.

Embiid has the joyous personality of a kid himself. Social media posts include him crushing on Rihanna or teasing an Australian-born teammate that he'll get deported if Donald Trump is elected president of the United States. The 76ers posted a Vine last season of Embiid throwing down a between-the-legs dunk at warmups that blew up NBA-centric Twitter feeds and offered fans a fleeting look at the potential ahead.

"Philadelphia's going to love him," coach Brett Brown said.

The city has waited 29 months to love the 22-year-old Embiid for his impact on the court.

The Sixers have stripped the bubble wrap off Embiid and the No. 3 overall pick of the 2014 draft is set to make his debut Wednesday night against Oklahoma City after two foot surgeries, countless days of rehab, gallons of Shirley Temples and inherited expectations that he is the savior for a woebegone franchise that has made a farce of competitive basketball.

Embiid, who grew up playing soccer and volleyball and didn't play basketball until 2011, is no longer the raw project out of Kansas. He's grown 3 inches and beefed up to about 275 pounds to better handle the daily grind of battling the NBA's biggest big men.

"Where I was three years ago, I'm not even close to what I am right now," Embiid said. "My game has gotten so much better. The past three years, if you watch the game tape, I'm not the same guy."

Embiid had a fantastic freshman season with the Jayhawks, averaging 11.2 points and 8.1 rebounds. He blocked 72 shots to earn Big 12 defensive player of the year honors.

He might have been the No. 1 overall pick in '14—a spot that went to Minnesota's Andrew Wiggins—had he had not suffered from a balky back and needed surgery for a stress fracture in his right foot shortly before the draft. Embiid, who knew only his native Cameroon before college, failed to really adjust to life without daily organized basketball. His weight ballooned, and he was booted from a road trip because of a petulant attitude. Part of his weight gain was blamed on a junk food diet washed down with that mix of ginger ale and a splash of grenadine garnished with a maraschino cherry commonly known as a Shirley Temple .

His personal life was rocked in October 2014 when his 13-year-old brother Arthur died in a car crash in Africa.

"It's been really hard," Embiid said.

Embiid was expected to anchor the rebuild in 2015 for a Sixers organization that had scorched their roster and abandoned a competitive season in hopes of gobbling lottery picks. But a second surgery of the navicular bone on the right foot in August 2015 cost him his sophomore season.

Embiid was devastated but handled his time off with greater seriousness in his workouts and a mission to return as a dominant center. The 76ers even shipped Embiid to a sports science facility and sports medicine hospital in Qatar to rehab.

"When I left college, I felt I wasn't ready for NBA life," Embiid said. "But since I've been in the league, the support I've had around me from (former president) Sam Hinkie, the coaching staff, they've just been on me. That's what I usually need. When somebody's on me, I can usually do better."

The Sixers played it safe this year and held Embiid out of summer league. Brown, in his fourth season, entered training camp with a cautious plan to limit Embiid's minutes and games when the schedule is packed.

Embiid, well, he left his training wheels in the dust.

He averaged 11.6 points over all seven preseason games. Embiid played 20 minutes a game as the preseason ended and Brown said he would consider playing his starting center more often. Brown would ideally lessen Embiid's load early and help him avoid the same fate of other centers who had careers curtailed by foot injuries, like Yao Ming and Zydrunas Ilgauskas.

Broncos whole again after ending 2-game slide vs. Texans

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Broncos are whole again.

Trevor Siemian's healthy. Gary Kubiak's back on the sideline. C.J. Anderson is running wild once more, thanks to a nudge from rookie Devontae Booker, and the defense is forcing fumbles like it used to.

Von Miller & Co. turned Brock Osweiler's homecoming into a house of horrors with a 27-9 win over the Houston Texans on Monday night that snapped a two-game skid.

The Broncos (5-2) kept pace with the resurgent Raiders atop the AFC West, a division they've owned for five years. A loss would have plummeted them into third place.

The Texans (4-3) limped home still leading the middling AFC South, where every team has surrendered more points than it's scored.

"We kept Brock out of the end zone and that's perfect," cornerback Aqib Talib said. "That's the goal every week. So, we got our job done this week."

Osweiler managed just 131 yards on 22 of 41 passing.

"I looked up in the fourth quarter, before I think that last drive, and he had like 70 yards passing," Talib said. "I just smiled on the inside. That's what we wanted to do. We wanted Brock to come out here and struggle. He came out here and struggled."

Denver shut down Osweiler without the usual sum of sacks they typically pile up on QBs.

Osweiler was hit eight times but his only sack came when he mishandled a shotgun snap and fell on the football.

The Broncos avoided their first three-game skid since 2011.

AP

Denver Broncos quarterback Trevor Siemian (13) throws under pressure from Houston Texans defensive end Jadeveon Clowney (90) during the second half of an NFL football game, Monday, Oct. 24, 2016, in Denver.

"It was huge," safety T.J. Ward said. "Just to get that momentum, get that feeling back in here, that confidence that we've been running with and playing with. After the two losses you could kind of feel the aura of the team just kind of going down. We had great preparation this week, came in and played how we prepared.

"We back up."

Other takeaways from the Broncos' bounce-back and the Texans' stumble:

STREAK SNAPPED: Miller saw his sack streak snapped at eight games, counting the playoffs.

"There was a sack streak? I wasn't even paying attention to it. My bad, guys," Miller said. "You know, I'm all about wins. I'll take a win any day. Sacks are great. That's what I do. That's my job. I wasn't able to get it done today, but we got it the win."

SPRY SIEMIAN: Although Siemian's numbers were pedestrian—14 for 25 for 157 yards—he threw a touchdown and had no interceptions or sacks. He moved around much better than he had 11 days earlier against San Diego in his return from a sprained left A.C. joint that clearly affected him in a 21-13 loss to the Chargers.

DAVIS RETORT: After taking heat for getting exposed in single coverage by Atlanta's speedy running backs and San Diego's tight ends, inside linebacker Todd Davis had four big tackles and a key fumble recovery that led to Denver's final TD.

Darian Stewart punched the ball from running back Alfred Blue's grasp and it popped up.

"I just saw the ball in the air. I feel like it took 12 seconds to get in my hands," Davis said. "It gave us more momentum."

FOSTER RETIREMENT: Former Texans star running back Arian Foster's retirement from the Dolphins—announced during the Texans-Broncos game—caught his former teammates off guard.

"It was pretty surprising," Houston linebacker Brian Cushing said. "I think the world of him as a football player. It's not easy to see guys step away from the sport. I admired the way he played and I admired the physical talents. He was one of the most talented running backs possibly ever. It's sad but at the same time he's moving on in life."

ROAD WOES: Osweiler is still looking for his first road win with the Texans, who have lost by 27 at New England and 18 at Minnesota and now Denver.

"We've got to figure out how to win on the road, that's it," Wilfork said.

BLANKET COVERAGE: Big-play receivers DeAndre Hopkins and Will Fuller V were held to a combined nine catches for 58 yards by Broncos cornerbacks Chris Harris Jr. and Talib. The longest catch was for 13 yards by Fuller.

"They're a great defense. We didn't accomplish what we wanted to accomplish - plain and simple," Hopkins said.

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Meanwhile, Stephen's Pawnshop/NMBA also earned a double-digit win over PC Bargain/Visminda in the second game.

Stephen's Pawnshop had a barrage of triples to get its second victory in four games. It drained seven treys in the first period to take a 28-13 advantage. James Abuy buried three triples, while Michael Espinosa also had three shots from downtown and they came in succession, while Taj Van Buren recorded the other one.

Stephen's Pawnshop went on to hit 14 triples against only five from PC Bargain (2-2).

Abuy finished with 21 points, the same output Arnold Arellano registered for Stephen's Pawnshop, as the latter waxed hot in the second half to keep the team's safe distance. Espinosa also finished in twin digits with his 14 points, while Van Buren and Jorge De Guzman contributed 13 each. James Villacrusis top-scored for PC Bargain with his 27 markers.

First Game

Stephen's Pawnshop 99 — Abuy 21, Arellano 21, Espinosa 14, Van Buren 13, De Guzman 13, Aranda 8, Aquino 6, Tolentino 1.

PC Bargain 80 — Ja. Villacrusis 27, Alegre 15, Jo. Villacrusis 14, Reyes 10, Alano 4, Manibusan 3, Munoz 2, Legaspi 2.

Scoring by quarters: 28-13, 49-39, 68-56, 99-80.

Second Game

Maplas 97 — Viray 30, Mungcal 25, Fernando 15, Usi 8, Joson 8, Rivera 6, Verano 4, Aniciete 1.

Cavite 71 — Basa 31, Barcinas 17, Garcia 6, Renguul 6, Palacios 4, Laguindam 3, Barrozo 2, Quemado 2.

Scoring by quarters: 25-20, 46-37, 61-51, 97-71.

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one-lap race and top the boys U11 division contest. He was the lone runner in his age group to cap the race under the seven-minute mark and also recorded the best time so far this season, beating the 7:22 of Dandan Middle School's Ron Muna in Series 1 and 7:04 of Hopwood Junior High School's Coume Kaga in Series 2.

The Whispering Palms student finished way ahead of Saipan Community School's Daniel Wang, who timed in at 8:15, while San Vicente Elementary School's Taylor Huddy rounded out the Top 3 after checking in at 9:20.

Other finishers in the boys U11 division were Eucon International School's John Yu (9:46), Agape Christian School's Jack Xue (10:17), Zi Heng Hu (13:06), and Jason Yang (13:56), and San Vicente's Aizeah Hocog (10:26), Dante Katosang (11:28), Antonio Cabrera (11:55), and Ravin Sablan (12:22).

In the girls U12 division, Saipan International School's Chae Lian Jung clocked in at 8:17 to beat eight other runners in her age group. She won against Agape's Elvira Meng (8:18), Mei Ting Song (10:57), and Lyn Zhao (13:41), SCS' Kati Choi (8:19), Chloie Seo (8:26), and Anika Camacho (9:02), and San Vicente's Emiling Mendiola (12:50) and Chelsea Lorenzo (13:09).

Meanwhile, San Vicente ruled two other divisions, while SIS and SCS split the top honors in two more races.

Vincent Palacios' 8:04 gave the Canaries the win in the boys U7 division, while his schoolmate Kian Helgen prevailed in the boys U9 age group after logging 7:51.

San Vicente had a 1-2-3 finish in the boys U7 division after Kymo Porras and Chase Torres registered 9:27 and 9:35, respectively. Ten other runners from Agape, SCS, Mt. Carmel School, and San Vicente also completed the race.

In the boys U9 division, Nicholas Taisacan made it a Top 2 finish for San Vicente after his 7:53 beat the 8:16 of SCS' Alfred Baek. Eleven other runners competed in the division.

In the girls U7 age group, SIS' Phoenix Gross defeated two San Vicente runners for the center spot in the podium. Gross clocked in at 9:57 to take top honors in the division, beating San Vicente's Bille Pangelinan (10:03) and Madison Dela Rosa (10:03). The girls U7 age group had seven other finishers.

In the girls U9, SCS' Hilah Bacani made it three in a row after posting 8:47 and winning against 11 other runners. Bacani, who clocked in at 8:47 and 7:43 in her victory in the first two legs, was joined n the Top 2 by San Vicente's Jeyianan Crisostimo (9:26) and fellow SCS student Jenny Zhang (9:45).

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res said.

For more than a decade, NMIFA has been using the Oleai Sports Complex for its games and sharing the facility with other sports and even community events. The association also holds matches in schools, turning the grounds into pitches. Majority of the games are played in the morning and matches have to be planned and be limited to avoid conflict in schedule with other events. Grasses have to be cut regularly to make the pitches safe for use, while on rainy days, teams still play in soggy and muddy fields.

With the soon-to-be-built NMI Soccer Training Center, the CNMI is assured of a first-ever artificial turf on the island. Soccer.com, which has worked on over 40 fields in Japan, will install the surface made up of synthetic fibers that look like natural grass, can stand all weather conditions, and will provide a better and safer playing field to the Commonwealth's athletes. The 48,000 square meter facility will also house the NMIFA office, covered bleachers, locker rooms, rest rooms, a conference room, and ample parking space.

Tan said they estimated the cost to build the facility is between $1.5 million and $2 million. No government funds will be used to construct the facility as NMIFA will work on its on-island and off-island donors to complete the project, which may be done by July next year.

"We will make it sure we will get it done for you—for all the members of the CNMI community," Tan said.

The NMIFA head first envisioned the project several years ago as the CNMI soccer program keeps on growing each year. From a little over 100 players in 2005, NMIFA now has over 1,300 with 70 percent made up of youth athletes. From these players, the CNMI has formed 42 national teams (youth and adults) and has sent them to international competitions sanctioned by Asian Football Confederation and the East Asian Football Federation.

"We need a bigger and a field dedicated only to soccer to meet the growing needs of our players, to help them develop as we prepare them to represent the CNMI in international tournaments or play in the collegiate level," the NMIFA head said.

After the groundbreaking ceremony, NMIFA will work on the necessary permits to start construction of the facility, which the association will also use to host international competitions and bring additional visitors to the CNMI.

NMI Soccer Training Center Groundbreaking Ceremony

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, seventh left, leads the groundbreaking ceremony for the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville yesterday. Also in the photo, from left, are NMIFA general secretary Ross Zapanta, NMIFA vice president Vickie Izuka, NMSA president Michael White, Soccer.com president Nobuyuki Yamagata, NMIFA president Jerry Tan, Pacific Games Council president Vidhya Lakhan, first lady Diann Torres. Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, and Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Robert Hunter.

NMIFA president Jerry Tan, left, acknowledges the presence of CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, center, and Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Robert Hunter.

NMIFA president Jerry Tan, left, and Guam Football Association general secretary Tino San Gil pose for a photo after the groundbreaking ceremony.

Rep. Angel Demapan, left, and master of ceremony L.J. Castro check the 3D design of the NMI Soccer Training Center.

NMIFA president Jerry Tan delivers the closing remarks.

Pacific Games Council president Vidhya Lakhan, seated center, joins Northern Marianas Sports Association officials Ross Igitol, seated left, Kurt Barnes, seated right, Tony Rogolifoi, standing third left, and Michael White, standing right, L.J. Castro, left, and NMIFA vice president Vickie Izuka for a group photo.

Government officials, sports leaders, players, and members of the business community attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the NMI Soccer Training Center.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres explains how his administration supports the building of the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

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Soccer pitch to rise in Koblerville

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From left, NMIFA general secretary Ross Zapanta, NMIFA vice president Vickie Izuka, NMSA president Michael White, Soccer.com president Nobuyuki Yamagata, NMIFA president Jerry Tan, Pacific Games Council president Vidhya Lakhan, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, first lady Diann Torres. Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, and Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Robert Hunter participate in the groundbreaking ceremony for the NMI Soccer Training Center held yesterday in Koblerville.

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By next summer, the CNMI may finally have its own soccer pitch.

To be named the NMI Soccer Training Center, the groundbreaking ceremony for the facility located in Koblerville was held yesterday morning with no less than Gov. Ralph DLG Torres leading the event. Jerry Tan, president of Northern Mariana Islands Football Association, which will construct the facility, joined Torres, other NMIFA officers, government officials, sports leaders, and soccer players in the historic ceremony hosted by L.J. Castro.

"We would like to provide our youth and other members of the community the opportunities to play here and outside our islands and we can only do that if we will have a nice facility that we can utilize yearlong, day and night," Tor-

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Maplas gets first win in UFO caging

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Maplas' Randy Mungcal, right, drives and draws a foul on Cavite's Dan Barcinas during the fourth quarter of their game in the UFO caging last Tuesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Maplas/Akap Pinoy notched its first victory in the 2016 UFO/IT&E Inter-Organizational Basketball League after pounding Cavite, 97-71, last Tuesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Maplas, which dropped its first two assignments, had a strong finish against Cavite en route to the 26-point winning margin.

Cavite was just facing a manageable 13-point deficit, 59-72, with 7:39 left in the fourth quarter, but fell apart in the end when it went scoreless for nearly six minutes. Maplas, on the other hand, drew 10 of its 14 straight points from Randy Mungcal in the team's rally to put the game away.

Preston Basa broke Cavite's silence with a triple at the 1:49 mark and knocked in the team's last four baskets—all from beyond the arc—in a losing effort. Before regaining his shooting form, Basa muffed at least six 3-point attempts in Cavite's drought, while Maplas had an easier time making baskets to clinch the win early.

Ken Viray paced Maplas with his 30 points, while Mungcal had 25 markers in her first game in the league.

Basa led Cavite (2-2) with his 31 points, while Dan Barcinas chipped in 17.

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Mister leads finishers in elementary races

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Whispering Palms' Dylan Mister had a winning debut in the third leg of the Northern Marianas Athletics' 2016 All Schools Cross Country Series held last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.

Mister, who missed the first and second legs of the series, completed the one-mile run in 6:40 to lead 68 other finishers in the

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Whispering Palms' Dylan Mister is on his way to a first place finish in the elementary division races in the third leg of Northern Marianas Athletics' 2016 All Schools Cross Country Series held last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.